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THE SPIRIT'S DEAD LETTERS



Before publication of the Warren SPIRIT magazine, I'd never seen any of Will Eisner's work. I think it is fantastic, fascinating, and the best in comics. But I'm a bit troubled. I'd like to know where the SPIRIT came from. How about printing the origin story... in color.



PAUL DARAUNIUS
Berkeley, Calif.

Many readers have requested a retelling of THE SPIRIT's debut tale, Paul. A condensed version was told in an interview with THE SPIRIT in issue #3. But for readers who want more, we've a special treat planned for our eighth issue: a look into THE SPIRIT/Denny Colt's childhood.

"I have just read THE SPIRIT and I'm hooked!"

There is absolutely no need to comment upon Will Eisner's work. It is comic legend, and seemingly timeless. If only the Warren books reprinted the strips in chronological order... but that's a small matter, too.

The only important matter I can think to write about, is the controversy brewing in your letters column: the Ebony "problem."

Upon first reading his initial letter to you, branding the character Ebony a parody of a black man, I considered William Williams "hypersensitive." I, after all, don't complain about stereotyped Irish cops. On the other hand, the Irish haven't faced real physical racial violence, at least, not in this century. So maybe I can't call Mr. Williams over sensitive. I do, however, believe he's wrong.

I can cite instances or make extensive debate, but why waste time. Simply by reprinting a single page from the Kitchen Sink underground SPIRIT comic, any argument be terminated.

Guess which one?



MATTHEW D. O'BANNON
Louisville, Ky.

We've guessed, Matt. And you'll find the reprinted art in a future magazine. We feel that it sort of lets Ebony speak for himself.

I've been following THE SPIRIT's adventures since his first issue and one of the attractions that keeps me coming back is the beauty and wit of Will Eisner's women.

Sometimes it's difficult to understand how such raving beauties can have such wicked and cunning minds.

Is there any chance of an all female foe issue of THE SPIRIT in the future?

GREG HENDRICKS
Detroit, Mich.



Next issue is the first of many "Special" SPIRIT issues to come, Greg. It is devoted entirely to Ebony, THE SPIRIT's faithful sidekick. Following that, we've a "special" issue that has been in the works for over a year now... featuring the most popular of THE SPIRIT's feminine adversaries.

The date is around Christmas '73. I received a book entitled "The Great Comic Book Heroes." Of course, I looked at the stories before reading the chapters that were written. The last was something called THE SPIRIT. I had never heard of this guy before. I read every story but his.

Then I got "Volume Two of The History of Comics." But I just never got around to reading the last chapter on THE SPIRIT!

At a comics convention in early January at the Biltmore Hotel in New York, I heard fans raving about this SPIRIT guy. So I read the chapters on him in Jim Steranko and Jules Feiffer's books, and the stories in each. Wow!

Suddenly the stories made sense! I instantly knew who THE SPIRIT was... a crime fighter for the meek and small... the "little people's" champion.

Then I found THE SPIRIT #1, a Warren magazine. I read a couple of stories. Much better than Feiffer's choice. As good or better than Steranko's! And the best color story I ever saw! I just couldn't find words. I picked up issue #2. Even better! And then SPIRIT #3. Classics! Classics! A standing ovation!

I've now become a confirmed SPIRIT freak! I've read thirty-four different SPIRIT stories this year and the year isn't up yet. I'm hooked! I've read stories with Ellen Dolan, Powder Puff, Sparrow Fallon, Castanet, Wisp O'Smoke, P'Gell and Pantha Stalk. Not bad for thirty-four stories in seven months, huh?

But somehow I've got a feeling the best is yet to come.

JEFF KROLL
Scotch Plains, N.J.

Will Eisner, I think you are a fine artist and storyteller. However, this is 1974, not 1940. Your old-time SPIRIT plots are getting thin. I'm tired of this nostalgia and back-to-the-past hoopla. If THE SPIRIT is truly a good character, he should be able to survive in 1974. If it's not asking too much, why don't you revise your already overworked stories into a more modern setting.

JAMES SPIEGELMIRE
Queens, N.Y.

I've only been reading THE SPIRIT for the last few issues. What I can't understand is why Will Eisner isn't a millionaire? His stories are the greatest!

Alas, although he was recognized for his true genius in his early years, most younger comics readers had never heard of Will Eisner's SPIRIT. Hopefully, the reprinting of stories in Warren's fine magazines will again bring Eisner the true recognition he so justly deserves.

Along with all other new SPIRIT fans, I thank you... for a rebirth of a genius, and his brainchild!

ADAM SANGER
White Plains, N.Y.

After becoming acquainted with the far-famed original Captain Marvel, it was my personal opinion that there had never been a greater comic book hero. When I heard that there was a still better, more beloved hero available, I refused to believe it. But it's true! Since I'm writing to his magazine, I need not tell you who that hero is!

And the fourth issue of the magazine was even better than the first three. "Life Below" was certainly worth printing. "Mr. McDool" and the "Return of Silk Satin" were enough to build a SPIRIT novel around (need I say hint, hint)! "Spirit of '76" was excellent. I love stories that get the hero out of costume. "Elevator" was wonderful. I was touched when Ebony put his arms around the person he thought was THE SPIRIT. I disliked "Vino Red." It was too complicated. "Guilty Gun" was an okay story. But I just can't muster the right words to describe "Flaxen Weaver." It was good, but...?

Despite the criticism, I'd like to thank you for introducing me to THE SPIRIT. He is indeed "The World's Greatest Comic Character!"

MIKE ACORD
Wooster, Ohio



Though THE SPIRIT was very popular when it was first published in the '40's, many younger comics fans had never heard of him! Now they have, thanks to Warren!

"Art and plots, the greatest!"

The first four issues of THE SPIRIT were sensational! The art and plots are the most original in comics. I especially liked the two-part "Powder Puff" story in issue #2. Could we see more two-part stories like this?



STEVE VILTOFT
Minneapolis, Minn.

Each issue we'll try to present at least one of the best available SPIRIT two-part classics. This issue: a continuation of the "Powder Puff" story mentioned above, featuring Bleak and his new bride!

What William Williams and his fellow "Ebony-is-an-insult-to-the-Black-man" cultists fail to realize is that many of the great fictional characters throughout literature have had sidekicks ("foils," if you will) whose personalities have purposely been contrasted with that of the hero, Dr. Watson (Sherlock Holmes), Inspector Richard Queen (Ellery Queen), Paul Drake (Perry Mason), and Sancho Panza (Don Quixote) are all characters with great dignity who have, for years, remained in the shadow of the hero in order that they, and the hero, might achieve realistic characterizations.

THE SPIRIT and Ebony White are a magnificent team, well worthy to stand beside any of the above-mentioned duos.

Will Eisner broke what was perhaps the most firmly-entrenched ground in all comicdom when, in 1940, he made THE SPIRIT's sidekick Black instead of a safe WASP, giving, for the first time, a Black character a major role in an adventure strip. To me (a Caucasian), Ebony has always been an individual of great warmth, humanity and courage.

Off the subject of Ebony, I found that the fifth issue of THE SPIRIT is the finest yet. All of the main characters (THE SPIRIT, Ebony, Dolan, Ellen) were presented, allowing unfamiliar readers of the strip to place the players within it. As a collector, I would like to see the stories reprinted in chronological order, perhaps including the near-legendary sequence in which THE SPIRIT was blinded. Warren's SPIRIT is a near-perfect magazine! The only thing more I could ask for would be new stories...! But having THE SPIRIT back in a magazine of his own is literally a dream come true.

MIKE W. BARR
Akron, Ohio

On careful perusal of the latest SPIRIT from Warren, I am astounded to discover how much Will Eisner's art and Pogo cartoonist Walt Kelly's resemble each other. There are bits of panels I certainly couldn't discriminate between on the matter of creatorship. I hope this observation doesn't displease Mr. Eisner. I love both THE SPIRIT and Pogo so much.

BETSY CURTIS
Saegertown, Penn.

I must say that I like Will Eisner's older work much better than the stuff he's been turning out lately. His four books on cooking, plants, trivia and astrology just cannot compare with his classic SPIRIT strip. In his recent books, Eisner's art is more cartooning and less artistic.

Eisner's work is great in the Warren books though. I especially enjoy his conversations with the characters. But I would like to see how other artists draw THE SPIRIT. Is there any chance of Rich Corben, Wally Wood, Berni Wrightson or Neal Adams drawing a SPIRIT story? How about Alex Toth? He would capture the mood of the character perfectly. These are my all-time favorite artists, and I'd like to see them in Warren's SPIRIT magazine.



ROGER MAY
San Francisco, Calif.

Would you settle for their work in the OTHER Warren magazines, Roger?

I have a number of suggestions for THE SPIRIT that I feel would improve an already largely successful magazine.

Seriously consider the suggestion that other artists besides Will Eisner draw THE SPIRIT. I would love to see Richard Corben's art embellish an already fine character. And I'm sure if you allowed word to get out, many artists would be flattered to add their interpretation to Eisner's classic creation.

Also, please start publishing new stories. I can't believe Eisner is out of fresh ideas. I know he still draws as well as ever. It really is quite boring reading tales that are obviously dated in attitude, scenery and personal appearances.

There is so much crime and dirty doings going on today, that there is no dearth of inspiration. You could easily update Denny Colt into the 70's without losing any of the magic he possesses. Think on it.

GARY KIMBER
Ontario, Canada



The beauty and vitality of Will Eisner's women is almost legendary. And whether THE SPIRIT tangles with them as friend or foe, readers agree that he is one lucky guy!

Because I had never seen the THE SPIRIT before, I would like to thank Will Eisner and Jim Warren for bringing us his adventures in a Warren magazine. Each story is a masterpiece. Each cover is fantastic. I especially liked the covers of issues #3 and #4.

ALAN NORDMARK
Dalton, Penn.

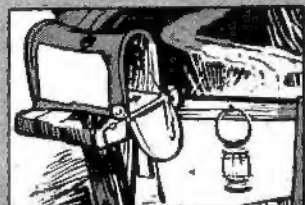
I don't see what William Williams has against Ebony! Why doesn't he complain about Captain Marvel's Steamboat Willie, about the countless Blacks (or Jews, Russians, French, etc.) that were stereotyped in the 40's comics, or the movies that featured lampooned Blacks.

RORY GALLAGHER
Oakland, Calif.

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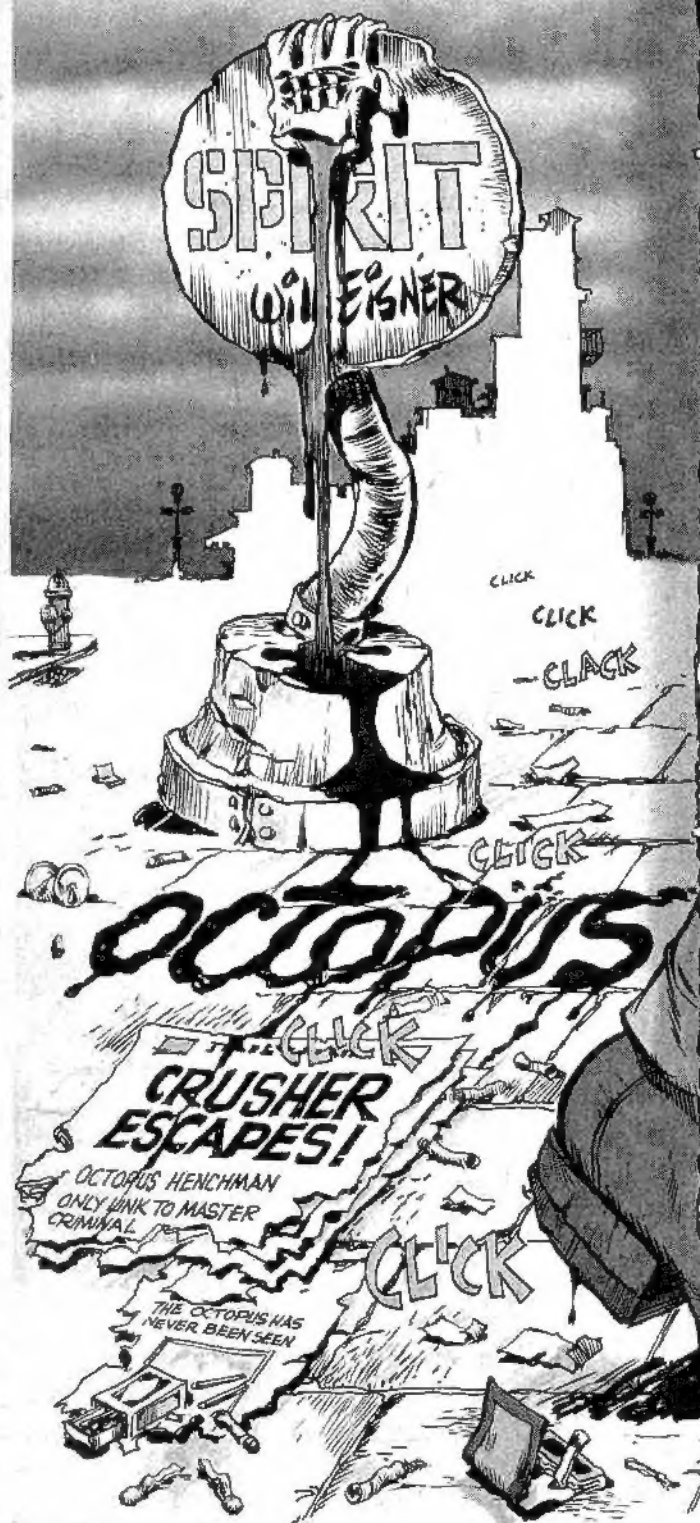


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You can't own part
of her! Same with
her mags! Bet you
can't buy just one!**

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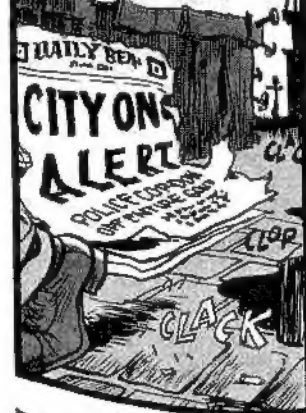
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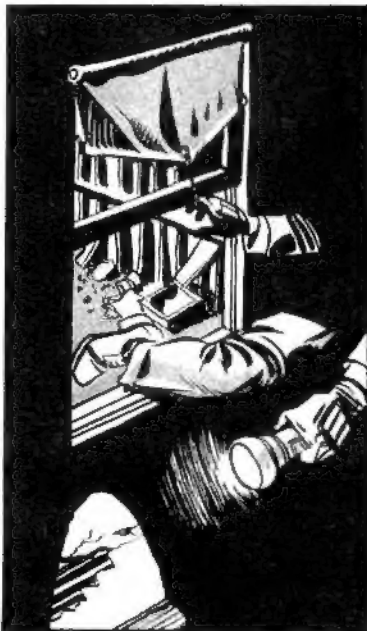
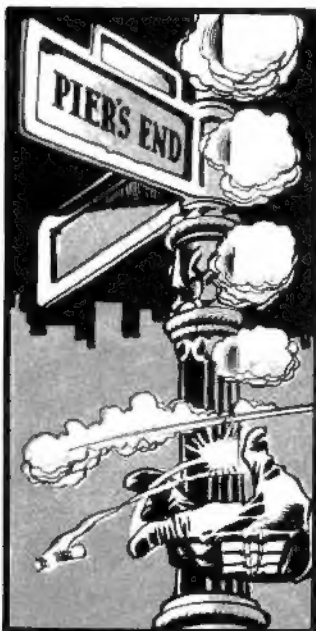
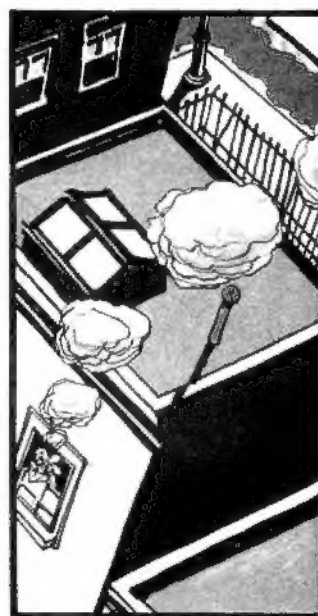
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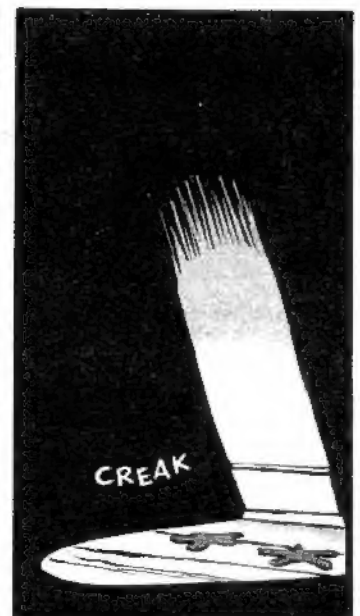
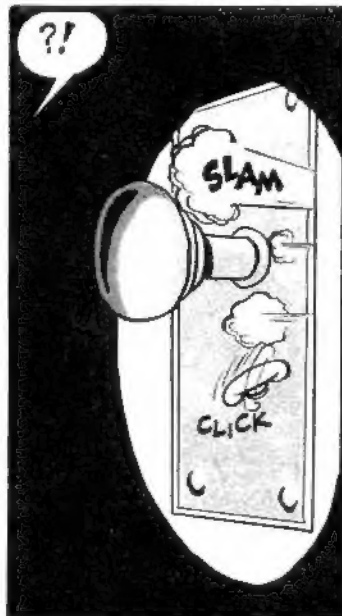
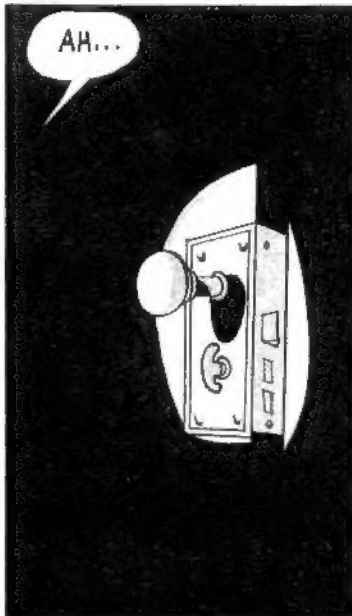
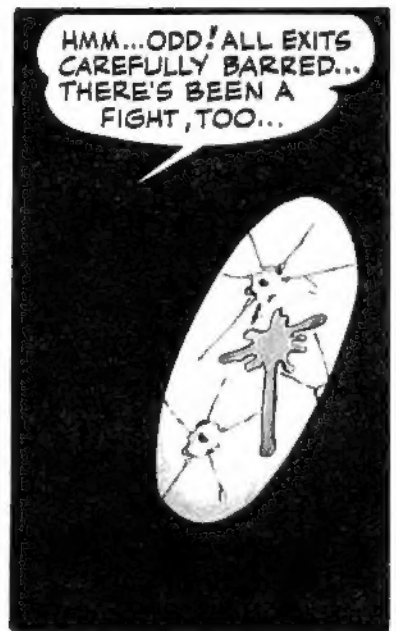
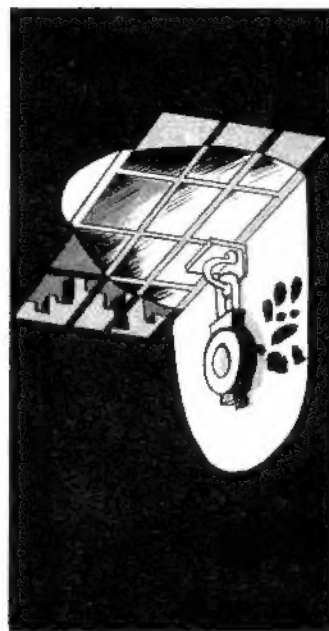
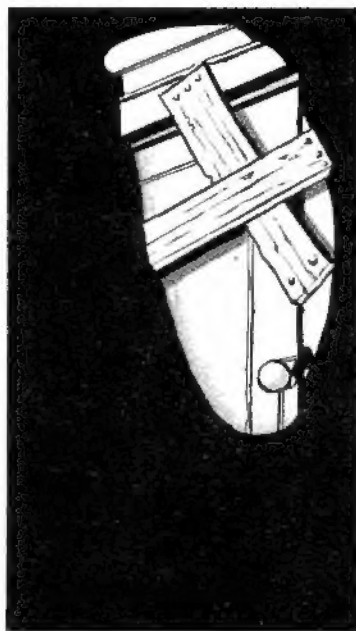


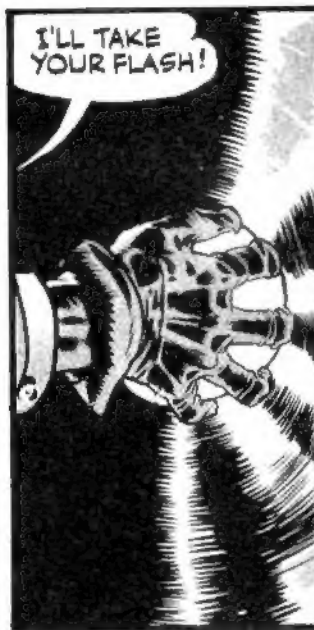
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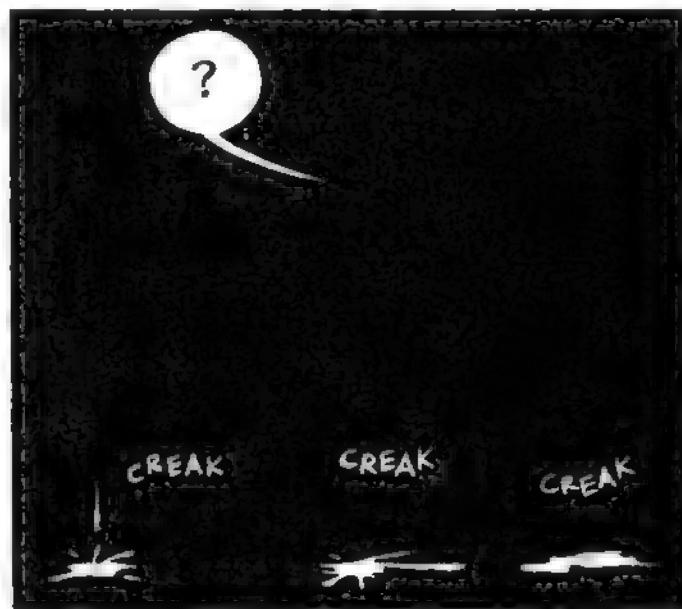
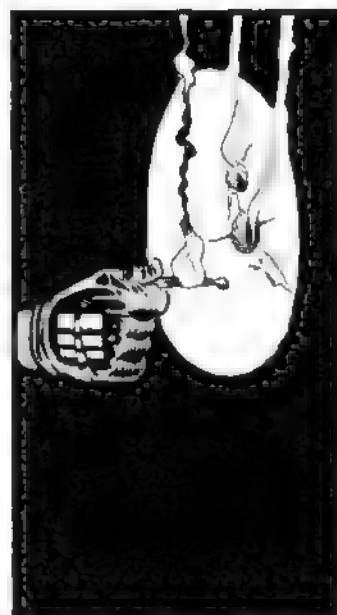


HALP...HEH HEH ONLY CAT...GASP SOMETHING AWFUL IS GOING TO HAPPEN











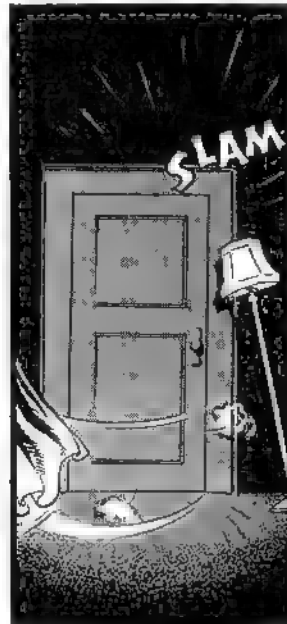




GOSH, ELLEN ...
PERHAPS WHEN THE
SPIRIT SEES MY
WEDDING, HE'LL
ASK YOU!



The Wedding





LATER...

BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S ANY OF YOUR BUSINESS.

SILLY!
CAN'T YOU SEE BLEAK'S IN TROUBLE AND WE'VE GOT TO HELP?



SEE WHAT I MEAN...?

ONE STEP NEARER AND I'LL DRILL YA!



BUT WE'RE FRIENDS OF BLEAKER MOORE'S...

BLEAK AIN'T GOT NO FRIENDS...
BEAT IT!

LET 'EM IN, ROSIE.



BLEAK.. SPARROW IS VERY UPSET ABOUT YOUR BREAKING THE ENGAGEMENT AND I WAS WONDERING..

WELL, NOW YA KNOW. HE AIN'T GETTIN' MARRIED BECAUSE HE'S ALREADY MARRIED.. TO ME!
AIN'TCHA, BLEAK, HONEY?



SO YOU'RE MRS. BLEAKER MOORE...

THAT'S RIGHT.



LISTEN, BUSTER, I DON'T LIKE YOUR LOOKS, AN' I DON'T LIKE YOUR NOSIN' INTO WHAT DON'T CONCERN YA...

NEVER MIND.. WE WERE JUST LEAVING

ROSIE, DON'T SAY THAT!

YOU SHADDUP, BLEAK!



SPIRIT... YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THAT WOMAN... WHAT IS IT? TELL ME...

I CAN'T TELL YOU RIGHT NOW.



YOU MEN AND YOUR SECRETS! YOU'RE LIKE A BUNCH OF OLD WOMEN!



LATER...

SPIRIT.. I BEEN LOOKIN' FOR YA. I WANTA EXPLAIN ABOUT ROSIE

YOU SOUND LIKE YOU'RE IN A JAM.. CAN'T I HELP?

NO...THERE'S NOTHIN' TO DO...
I LOVE SPARROW, BUT I'M MARRIED
TO ROSIE. THE BEST THING I CAN DO
IS T'GET OUTTA SPARROW'S LIFE
FAST. BUT I WANTED YOU AND ELLEN
TO KNOW THE STORY...YA BEEN SO
NICE TO ME...



IT HAPPENED WHEN I WAS A KID... I USED T'DRIVE FOR
FOR CARBINE CARSON... ROSIE WAS HIS MOLL. SHE
ALWAYS KINDA LIKED ME, AN' I GUESS I WAS KINDA
IMPRESSED WITH HER.



ONE DAY ON A JOB, ROSIE
SHOT A COP. I WAS THE ONLY
WITNESS...

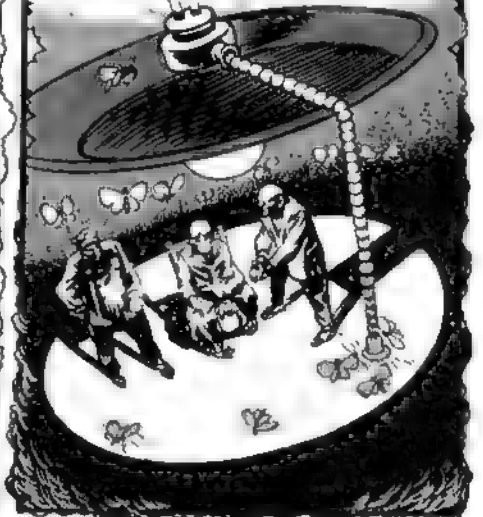


SO ROSIE MADE ME MARRY HER..THAT
WAY, I COULDN'T TESTIFY AGAINST
HER. I DIDN'T CARE MUCH WHAT
HAPPENED TO ME IN THOSE DAYS...

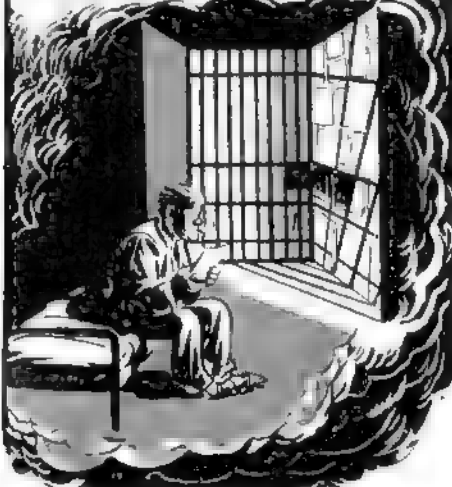


A HUSBAND'S
TESTIMONY
AINT WORTH
NOTHIN' IN
COURT..SEE?

CARBINE MUSTA SQUEALED,
'CAUSE THE COPS SOON PICKED
ME UP... I WOULDN'T TALK.



... THEY SENT ME TO REFORM
SCHOOL. WHILE I WAS IN, ROSIE
WROTE AN' SAID SHE WAS GETTIN'
A DIVORCE ... BUT I GUESS SHE
NEVER DID ...



'CAUSE SHE'S
BACK, AN' SHE'S
BROKE, AN' I
GOTTA TAKE CARE
OF HER. THERE'S
NOTHIN' ELSE
TO DO



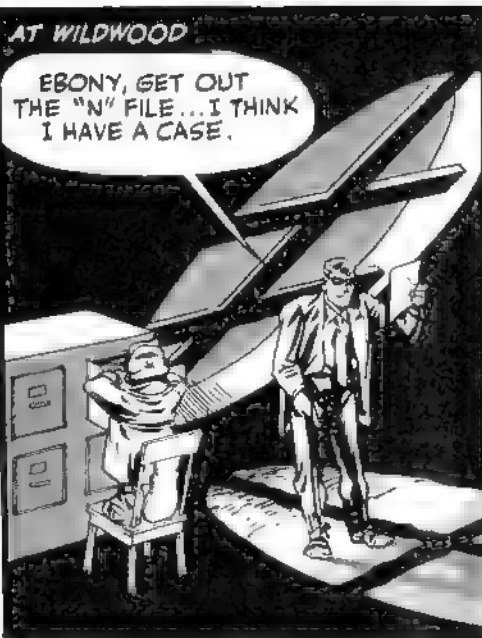
... SO THAT'S IT...

YOU HOLD ON,
BLEAK. DON'T
LEAVE TOWN...
I THINK I CAN
STRAIGHTEN THIS
OUT.



AT WILDWOOD

EBONY, GET OUT THE "N" FILE... I THINK I HAVE A CASE.



UH-HUH! JUST AS I THOUGHT... NATCHEZ NELLIE... ALIAS ROSIE THE ROCK... ALIAS MARRYIN' MAMIE... HMMM...



I THINK I'VE GOT A LITTLE SURPRISE FOR MRS. BLEAKER MOORE...



POLICE HEADQUARTERS

WHAT'S THE IDEA OF DRAGGIN' ME IN HERE...?

JUST A FEW ROUTINE QUESTIONS, MRS. MOORE...



IF IT AIN'T LITTLE BUSTER WIT' TH' MASK! SO YOU'RE A COPPER... I MIGHTA KNOWN! WELL... YA GOT NOTHIN' ON ME.

OH HAVEN'T WE?



ISN'T IT TRUE THAT YOU MARRIED BLEAK TO PROTECT YOURSELF... AND THEN FRAMED HIM?

WHAT?



COME BACK HERE AND ANSWER ME!

OH!



HOW CAN YOU BE SO CRUEL TO A POOR DEFENSELESS GIRL... BLEAK IS THE ONLY MAN I EVER LOVED, AND YOU'RE TRYIN' TO BREAK US UP!

BAW !!

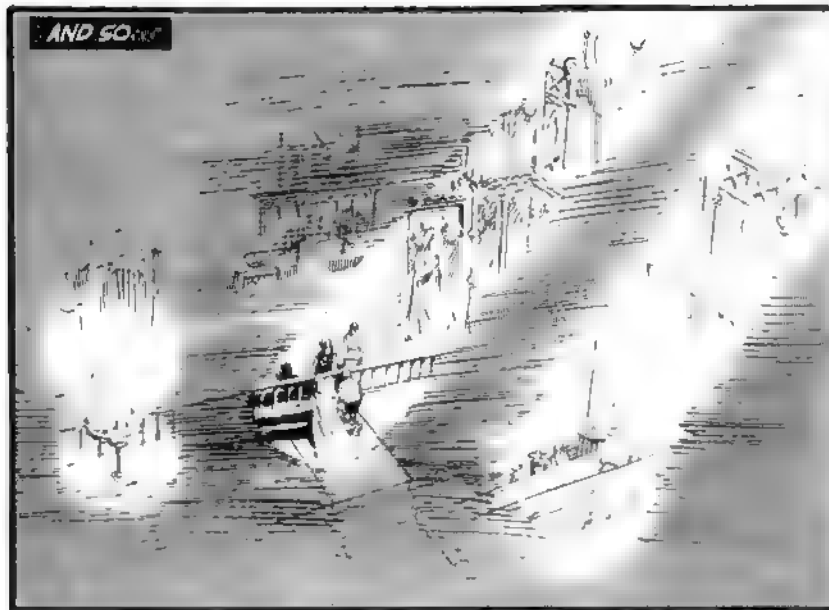


BESIDES, CARBINE IS DEAD, AND BLEAK WAS CONVICTED. YOU'VE GOT NO PROOF HE WAS FRAMED!

HMMM... YOU'RE SO RIGHT







THE JOB

The SPIRIT

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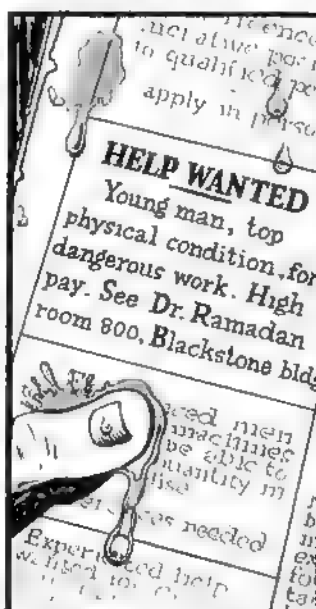
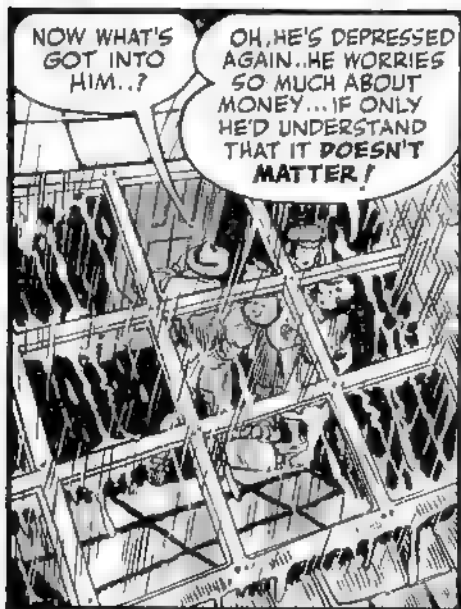
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HONEY... IT'S
SIX O'CLOCK AND
YOU'RE STILL
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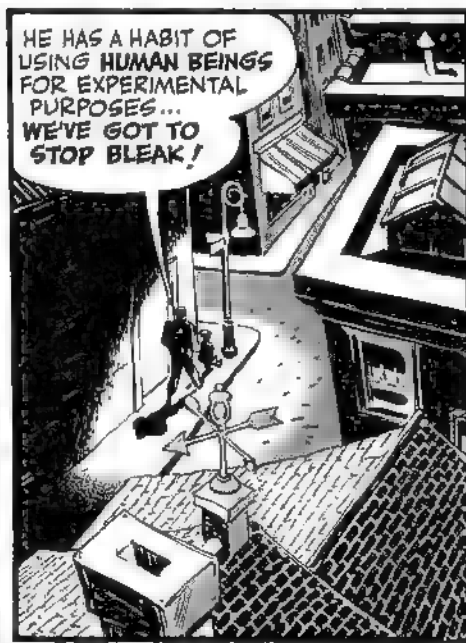
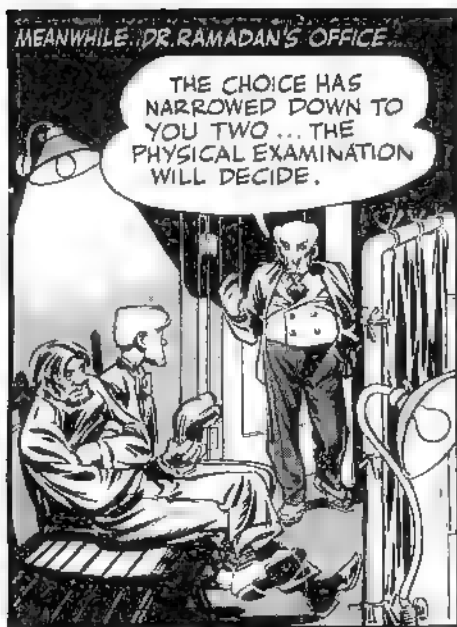
OH, HOME
SO EARLY, BLEAK
DEAR?... SIGH. GOT
TO KEEP OUR
HOME NEAT.

CMON, SPARROW, BABY...
HERE, LET ME FINISH IT...
A FINE HUSBAND I AM,
LETTING MY WIFE
SCRUB FLOORS ON
HER HONEYMOON!

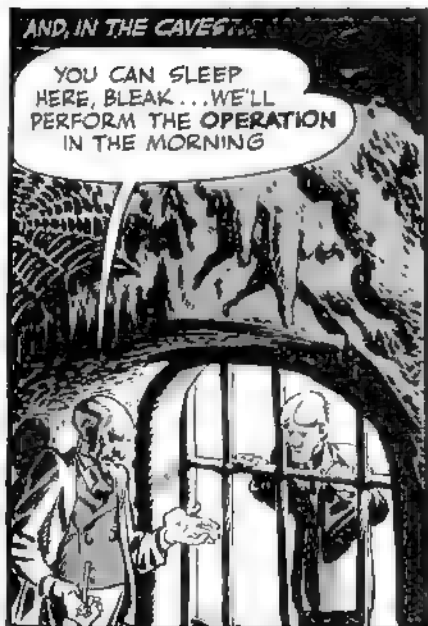
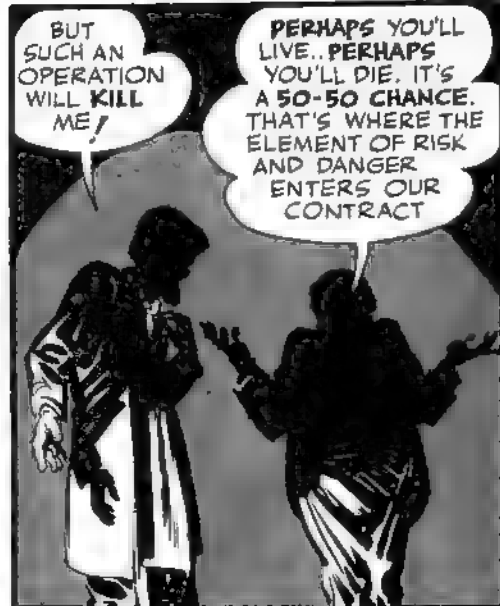
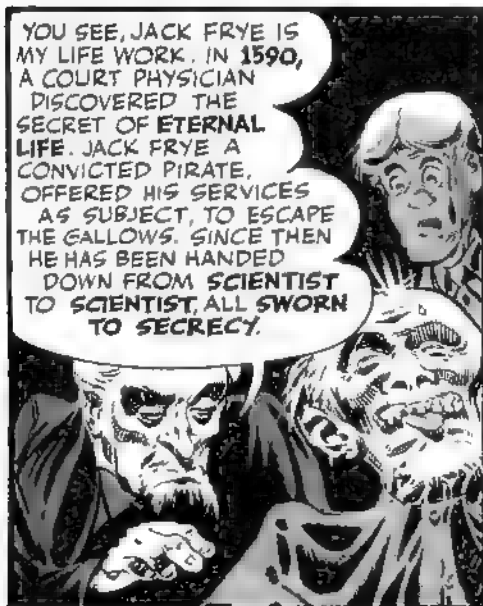
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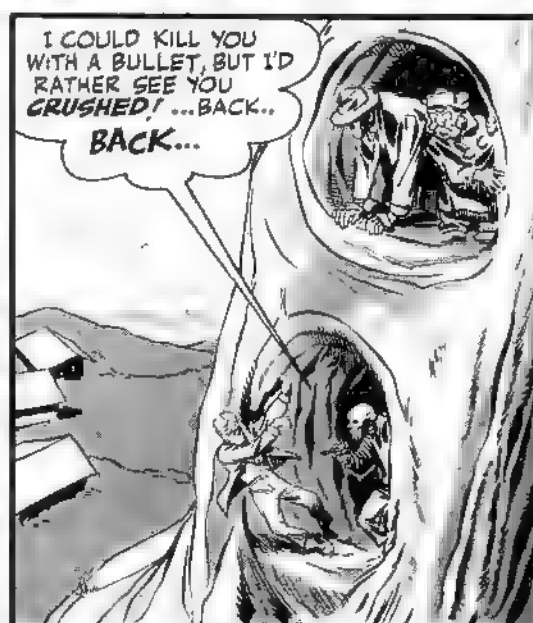
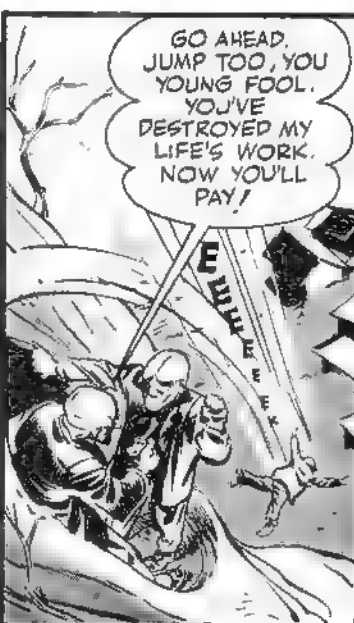
I KNEW WE'D BE POOR
WHEN I MARRIED YOU...
BUT MAKING A HOME IS
PART OF WHAT I ALWAYS
DREAMED ABOUT...
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?

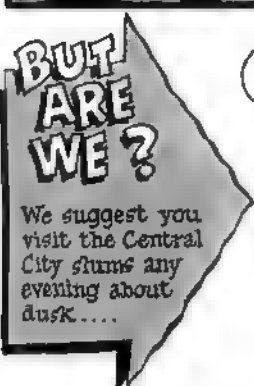




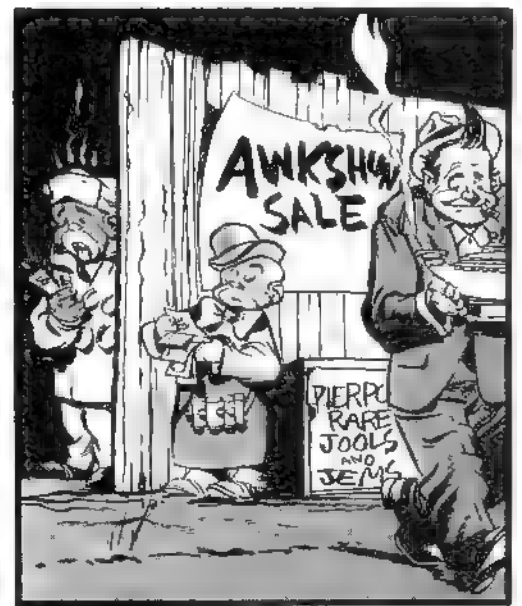
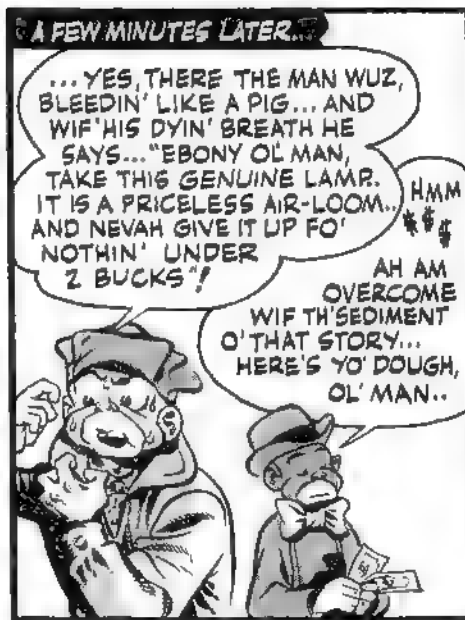


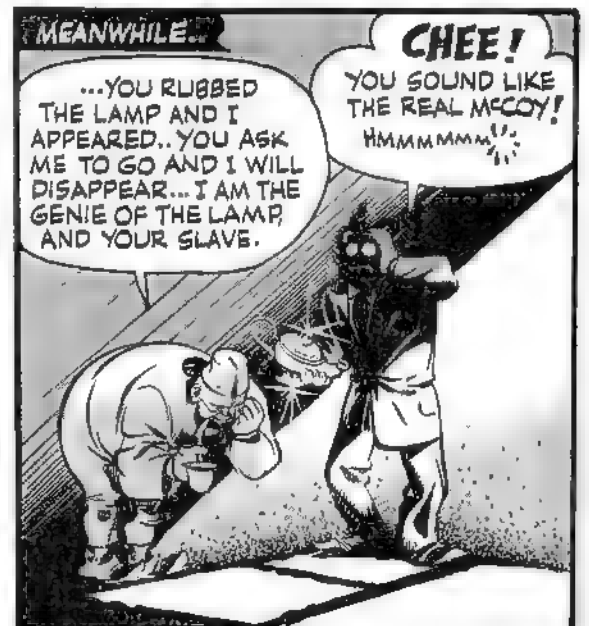
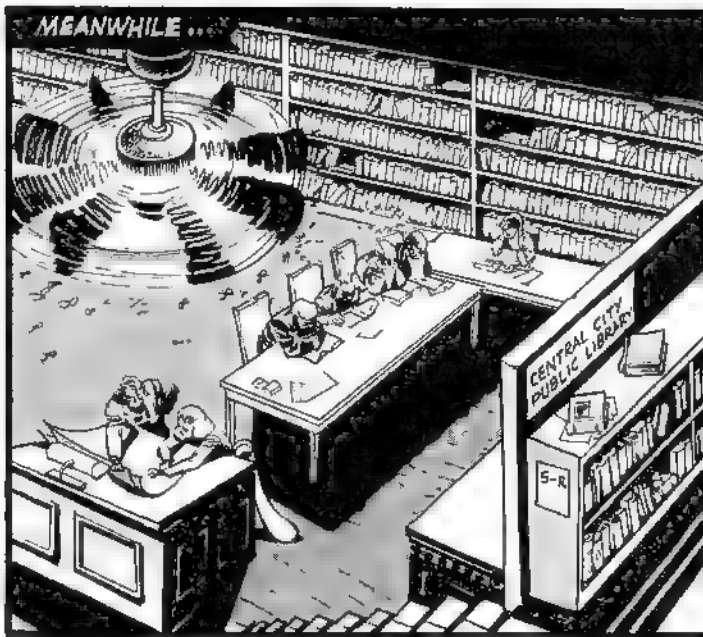


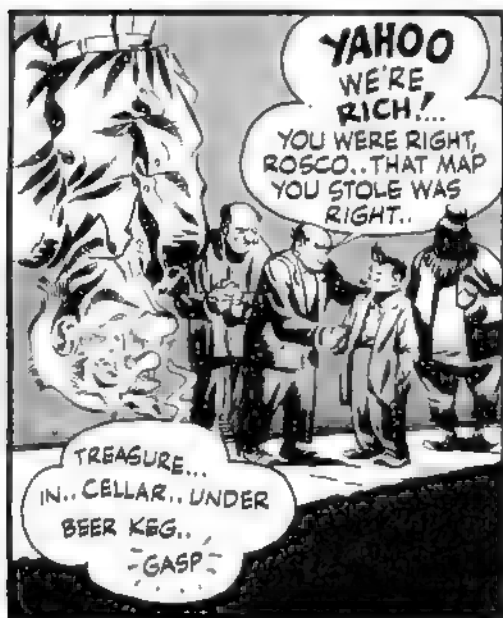




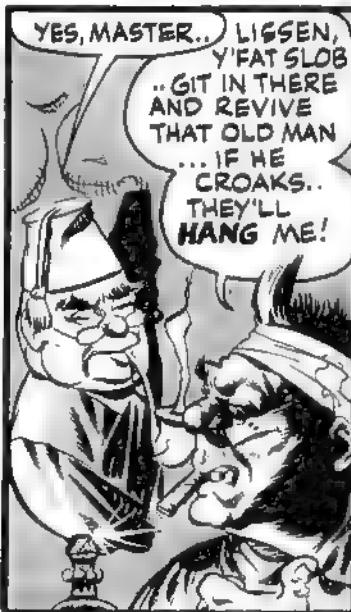
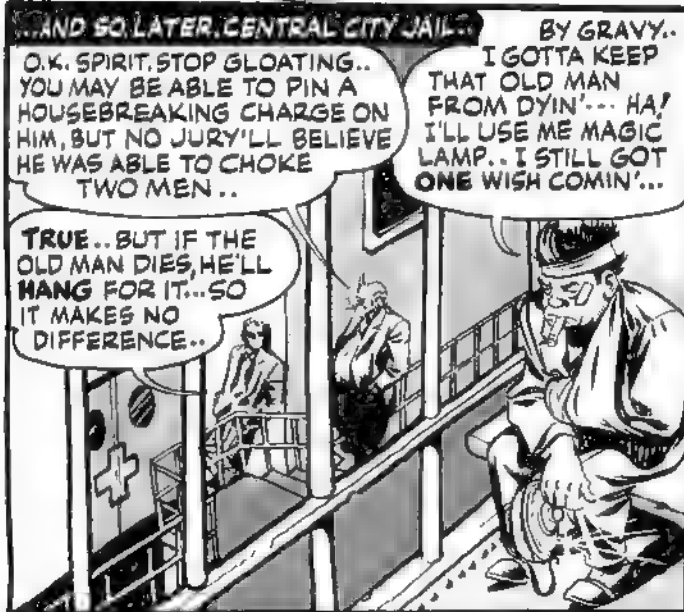


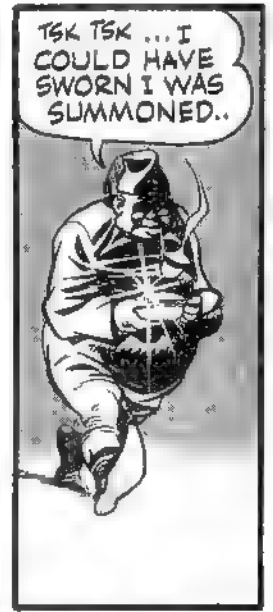
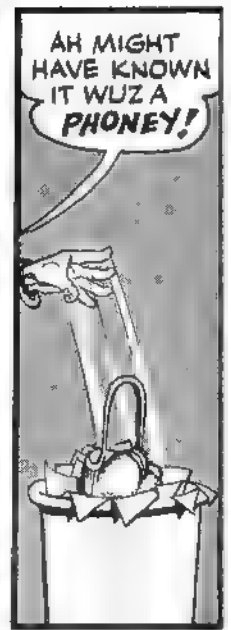
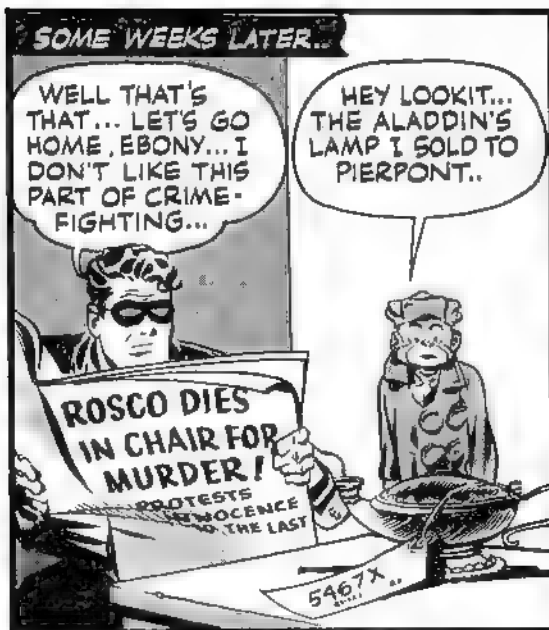








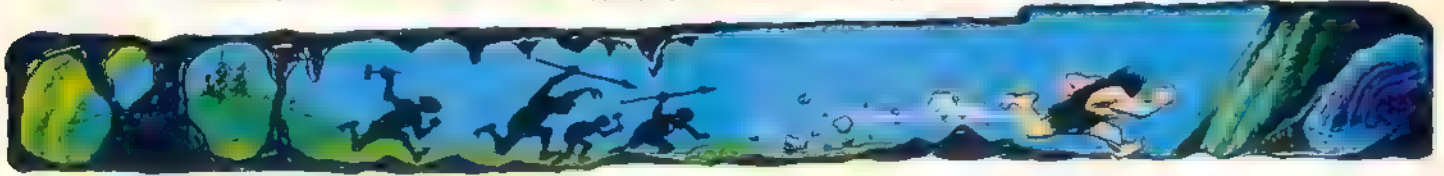






AT FIRST THERE WAS VERY LITTLE...WILD RIVERS, STEAMING LAVA,
AND BARREN EARTH... THEN CAME THE GIANTS... BEASTS! SOME
THAT WALKED ON FOUR LEGS, AND OTHERS THAT FLEW LIKE OUR
GREATEST AIRCRAFT... AND AFTER THE BEASTS CAME MEN... PRIMITIVE
MEN WITH A DESTINY THAT NONE COULD IMAGINE... NONE EXCEPT
GLOB... BUT THEN, GLOB WAS AN ARTIST!

YES... GLOB WAS NO RUN-OF-THE-MILL CAVEMAN...FOR HIS GREAT IMAGINATION MADE HIM SUSPECT IN THE EYES OF HIS FELLOWS... AND, AS IT HAS ALWAYS BEFALLEN MEN WHO THINK BEYOND THEIR TIME, HE WAS SCORNFUL, AND HE WAS DRIVEN BACK INTO THE CAVES...

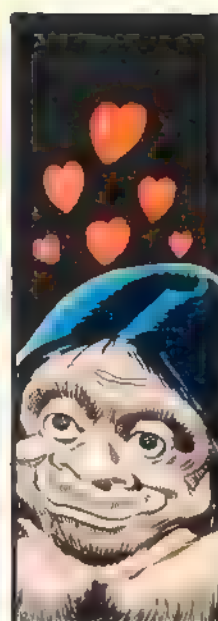


HERE A SUDDEN TREMOR OF THE EARTH CAUSED A ROCK SLIDE, TRAPPING GLOB... AND SO, MAROONED FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD, ALONE, HE SAT DOWN TO WRITE A BOOK ..(THIS ALSO IS COMMON AMONG POLITICAL PRISONERS EVEN IN OUR TIMES...)

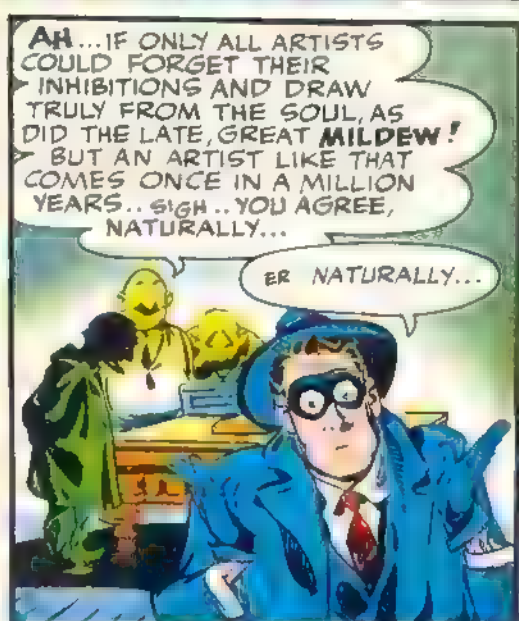
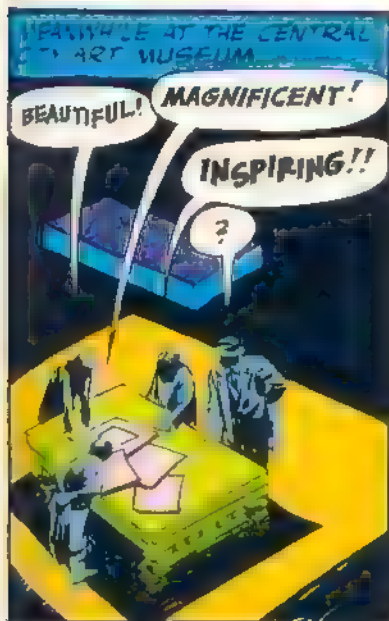
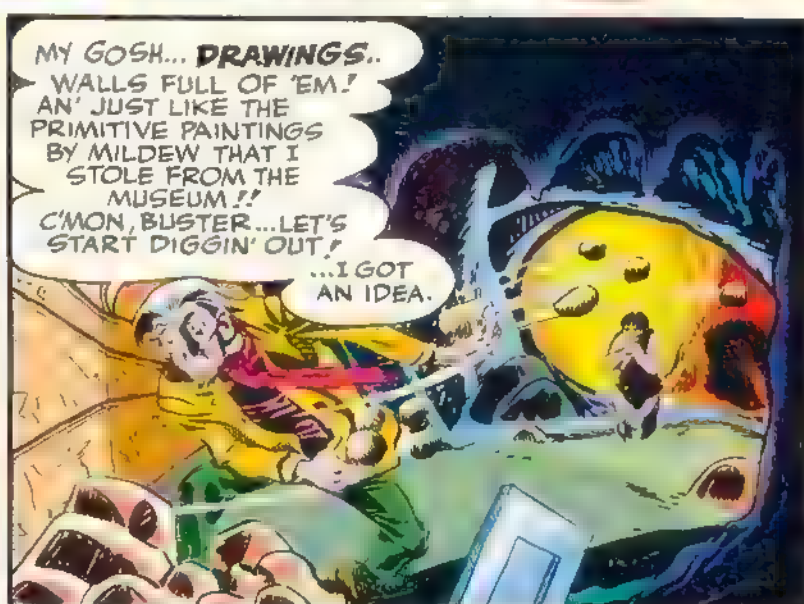


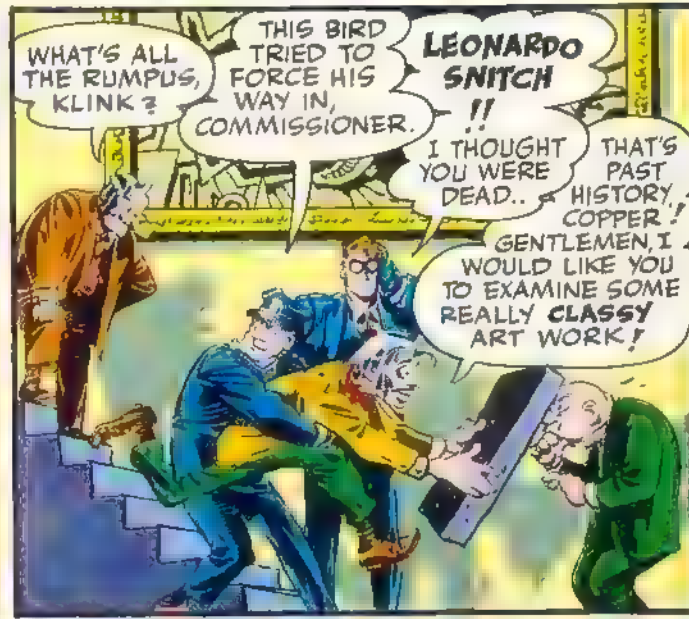
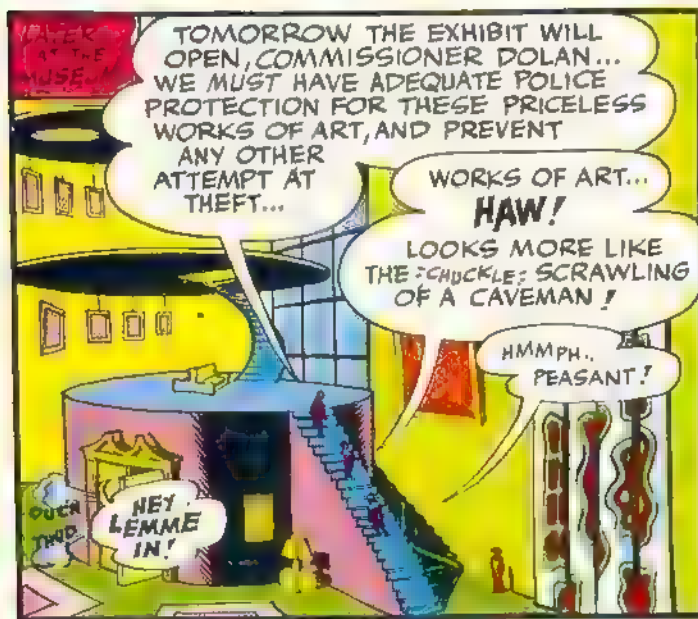
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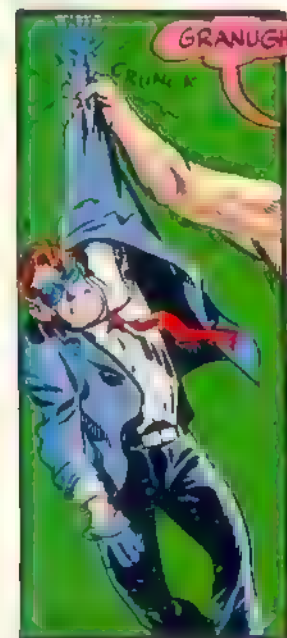
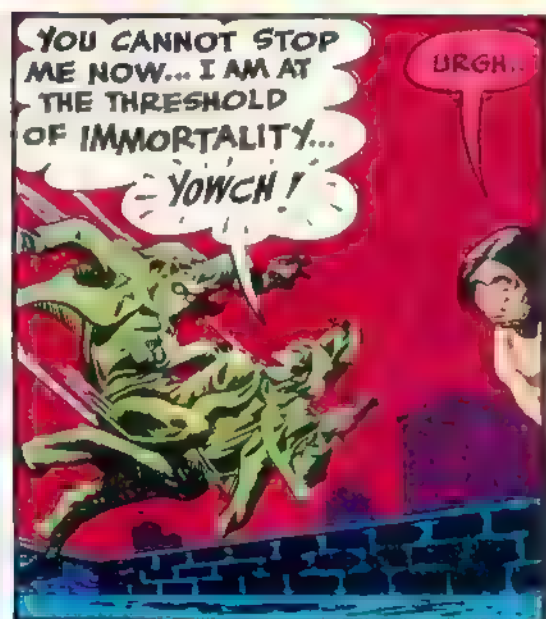
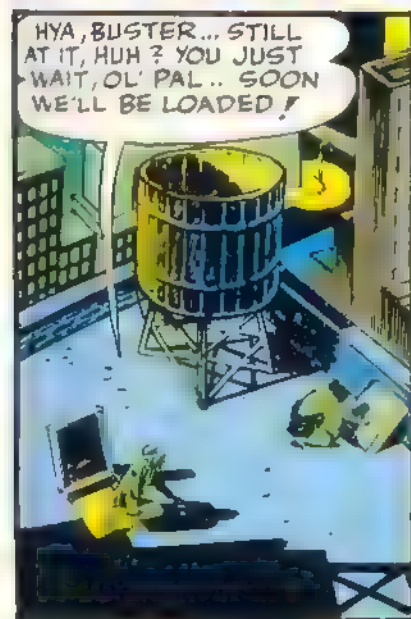
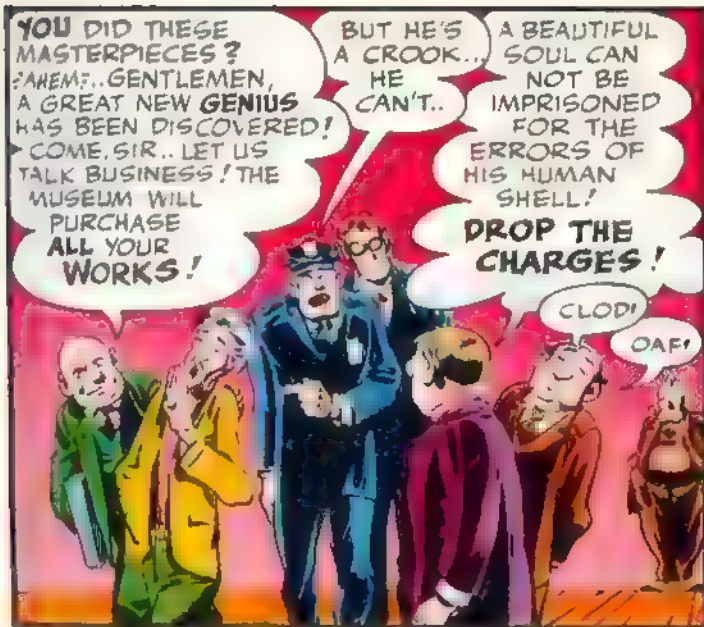




A FELLOW ARTIST... MIS-
UNDERSTOOD AS HE WAS
EONS AGO... A CRY OF
JOYOUS SYMPATHY
ESCAPES FROM
GLOB...

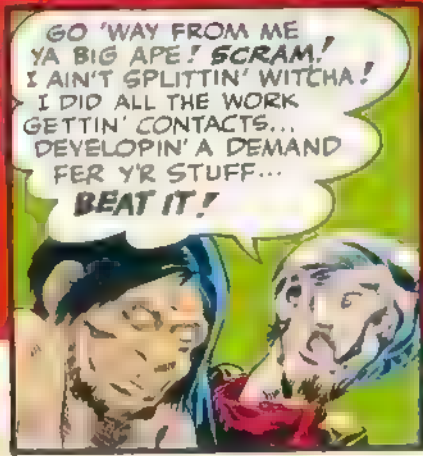
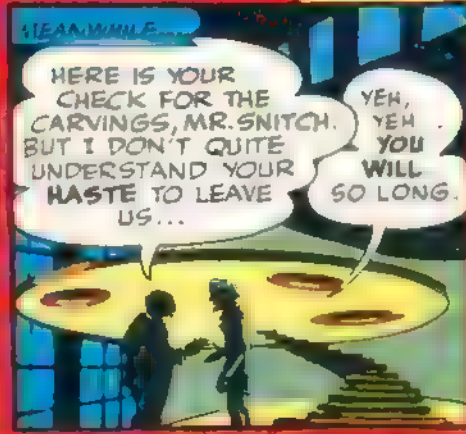


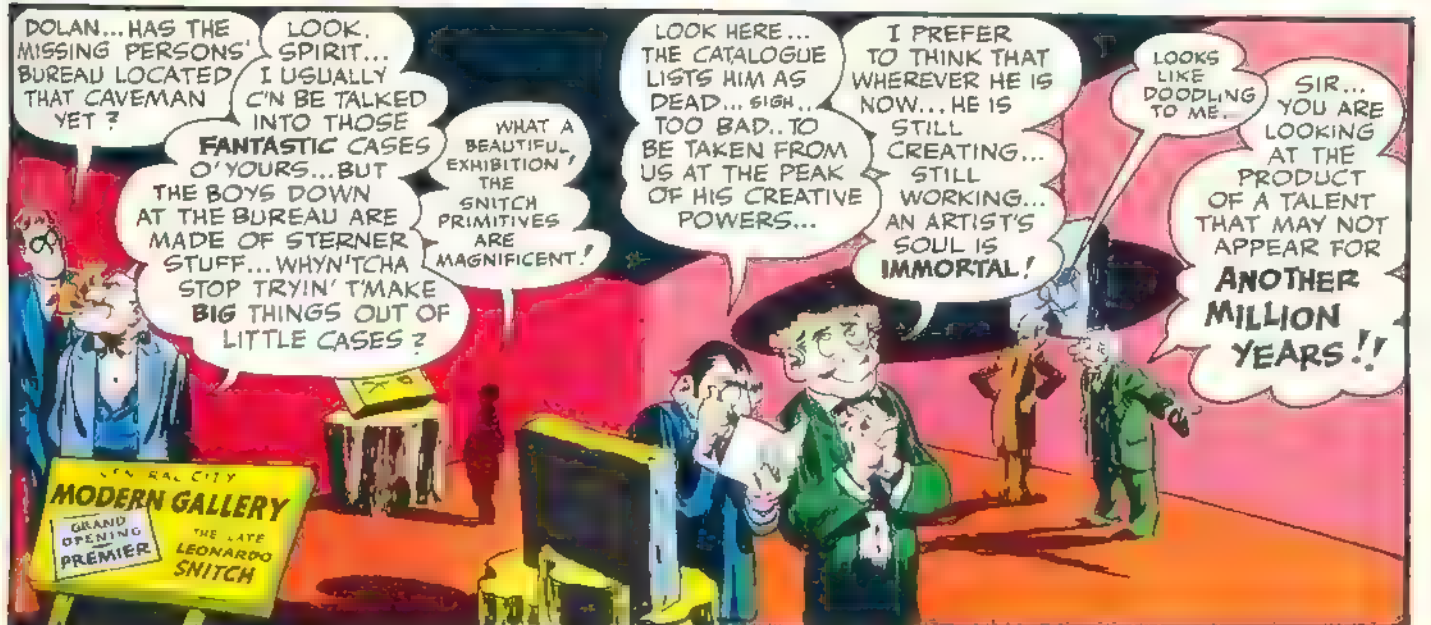
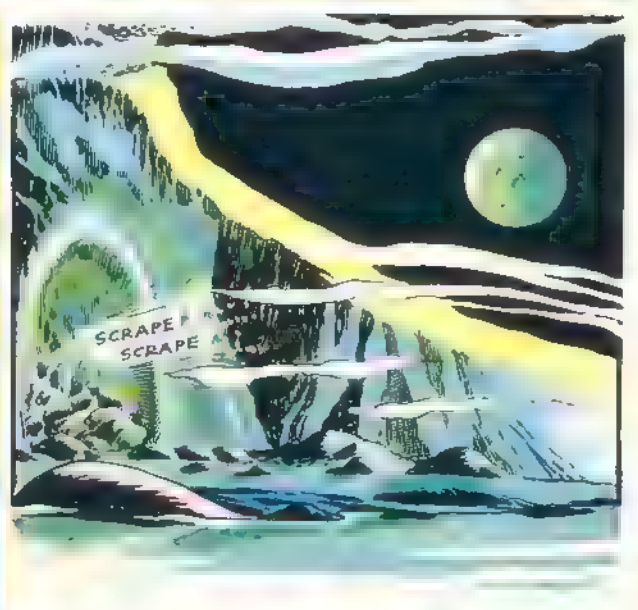






DOWN THE STREETS OF HUNTON CENTRAL CITY
 A MAN WHOSE NAME WAS RYAN, A TOWN
 KNOWN FOR THE AGENT OF LUCK AND SUE, THE
 MAN HE HAD BEEN A CENT KID. THE MAN
 HE CALLED





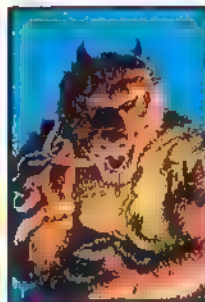
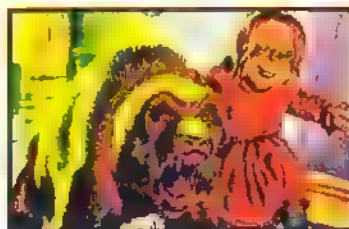
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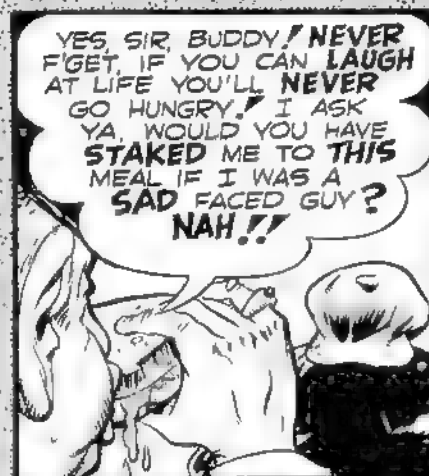
THE WINNAH!



HA HA HA
HA HA HA!!



“KOFF KOFF” WELL, YOU
SHOULDA SEEN THE
EXPRESSION ON THAT
RUBE'S FACE WHEN I
DISAPPEARED WITH
THE SIXTY BUCKS!
*HA HA HA HA!!



YES, SIR, BUDDY! NEVER
F'GET, IF YOU CAN LAUGH
AT LIFE YOU'LL NEVER
GO HUNGRY. I ASK
YA, WOULD YOU HAVE
STAKED ME TO THIS
MEAL IF I WAS A
SAD FACED GUY?
NAH!!



ME I'VE ALWAYS BEEN
OUT FOR LAUGHS! LIKE
F'R INSTANCE, THE GAG I
PULLED ON THE GRITT
BROTHERS! *HA HA HA!!
GIVE A LISTEN BROTHER...
THIS WILL KILL YOU!
*HA HA HA!!

THE

SPIRIT

BY
WILL EISNER



WELL, IN THE NEXT YEAR WE KNOCK OFF GANZINI AND KRUGER. BY THIS TIME NOBODY EVEN WANTS T'MEET MY BOY....

YOUR BOY IS SIGNED T'MEET CLOUTER ON THE SIXTEENTH, AIN'T HE, PORKER?

YEP!

LET'S SAY FOR THE SAKE OF ARGUMENT, SOME SMART HUSTLER BETS A BIG ROLL ON CLOUTER AND LET'S SAY CLOUTER WINS, THIS IS ALL FOR THE SAKE OF ARGUMENT, MIND YOU, THIS SMART HUSTLER WOULD BE RICH, WOULDN'T HE?

YEP!

NOW, LET'S SAY THIS SMART HUSTLER HAPPENED T'MANAGE GRITT AND COULD FIX IT F'R HIM T'LOSE! WHAT WOULD HAPPEN? JUST FOR THE SAKE OF ARGUMENT.

I DUNNO? MAYBE WE SHOULD FIND OUT!

LATER...

NO!! I WON'T TAKE A DIVE! DO YA HEAR?

HA HA HA! SURE, HERB! TAKE IT EASY! I WAS ONLY RIBBIN'..ER WANT A SLUG O' LEMON JUICE?

NINNNNE.. TENNN... AND OUT!

HA HA HA!...YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN THE PAPER'S NEXT DAY...

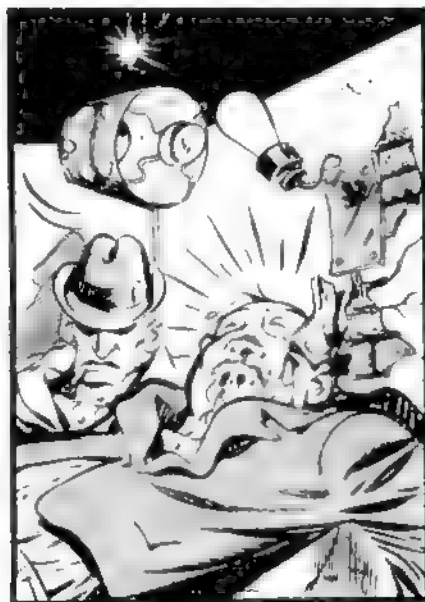
CENTRAL CITY NEWS
"FIX" SUSPECTED IN GRITT FIGHT
PROBE DEMANDED IN GRITT CLOUTER
CENTRAL CITY TIMES
COMMISSIONER IS AN INQUIRY

THE PUBLIC WAS UP IN ARMS. I KNEW SOMEBODY WAS GONNA GET HURT. NOW I ASK YOU, WHAT ELSE COULD I DO?

SO I BEGS HIM NOT TO THROW THE FIGHT, COMMISSIONER, BUT HE DON'T LISTEN SO HE..

WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED....

CENTRAL HERALD
HERBIE GRITT
SUSPENDED



WELL, IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE I WAS TALKING TO MARTY GRITT...

SIGN WITH YOU? AFTER WHAT YOU PULLED ON MY BROTHER? BEAT IT, RAT!

DON'T Y'WANT T'BRING HERBIE BACK HOME?

HUH?

SURE... IT'S JUST A MATTER OF PAYIN' OFF THE **RIGHT** PEOPLE! NOW, TOGETHER, WE COULD MAKE THE NECESSARY DOUGH!...SEE

HA HA HA! YOU GUESSED IT, BUD. MARTY GRITT WAS NOW IN MY STABLE...

THE WINNAHHH BY A KNOCKOUT IN THE THIRRRD ROUND, MARTTTY GRITT!

HE WAS THE HOTTEST THING IN THE WELTER DIVISION SINCE HIS BROTHER. BUT I COAXED HIM ALONG SLOWLY...

EIGHT CONSECUTIVE KAYOS FOR YOUNG GRITT AND THE QUESTION ON A LOT OF PEOPLES MINDS IS, "WHICH GRITT IS THE BETTER FIGHTER?"

IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE I SIGNED WITH YOU, PORKER! YOU **STILL** AIN'T DELIVERED ON YOUR **PROMISE** ABOUT HERBIE!

I WAS JUST OVER TO SEE MY **CONTACT** IN THE BOXING COMMISSION, KID.

I **CONVINCED** 'EM THAT A **CERTAIN** BOUT COULD BRING IN OVER A **MILLION** AT THE GATE!

WHAT BOUT?

YOU AND YOUR BROTHER!!

I GOT HERBIE REINSTATED! HE'S BEEN **BUMMIN'** AROUND EUROPE, **HUNGRY** FER A FIGHT! DON'T **THANK ME, KID!** I FEEL LIKE A **FATHER** TO YOU GUYS!

HA HA! GET THE GAG? OF COURSE I PLANNED IT THAT WAY, EVER SINCE I SIGNED THE KID. NOT THAT I WAS SORE AT HERBIE FOR BEATIN' ME UP. IT WAS JUST A GAG.. SEE...

WEIGHING 149½ POUNDS IN THIS CORNERRR, **HERBIE GRITT!**

HERBIE DIDN'T LOOK TOO GOOD! HE HAD AGED A LOT.



I HOPE
THIS FIGHT
IS **HONEST**,
PORKER!

HONEST AS
THE DAY
IS **LONG**,
COMMISSIONER
!!



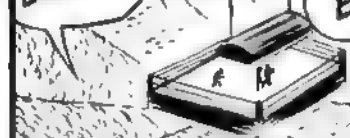
IT WAS HONEST ALL RIGHT!
IT WAS ALSO PRETTY DULL,
FOR SIX ROUNDS THEY
WALTZED AROUND...

T'ROW THE
BUMS OUT!

CAN I
HAVE
THE NEXT
DANCE!

Boooo!!

Boooo!!



WORKIN' FOR THAT
LOUSE PORKER
EH ?? YA LITTLE
PUNK!



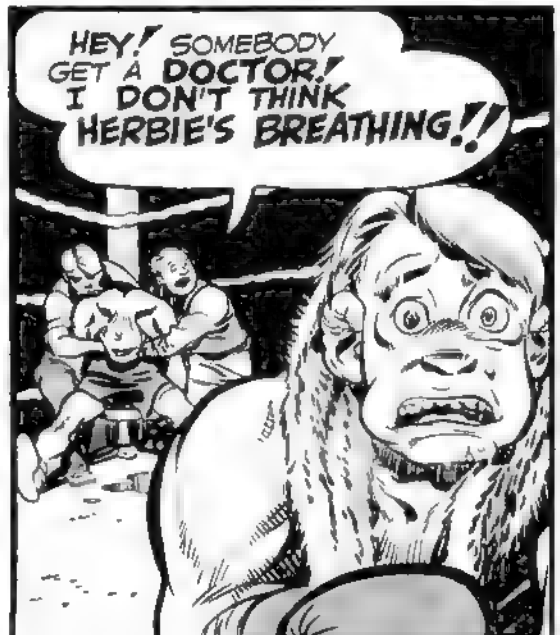
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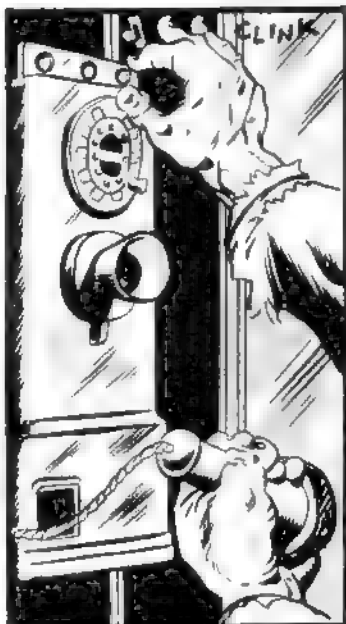


THE WINNAH,
MARTY
GRITT!



HEY! SOMEBODY
GET A **DOCTOR!**
I DON'T THINK
HERBIE'S BREATHING!!





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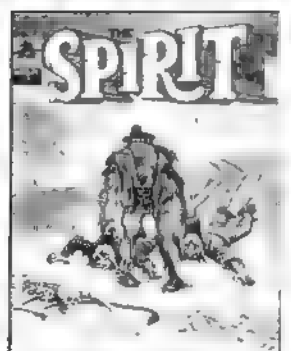
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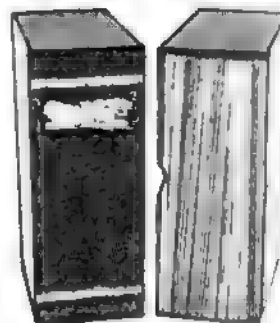
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THE

SPIRIT

BY WILL BISNER



This is "Wild" Rice

... may heaven help her

... and this is the short story of her life.



Rice Wilder was born to wealth. Yet, even though she had all that money could buy, she felt caged... Yes, trapped in a world of gold and jewels that made an invisible cell about her... She just had to escape...



With this terrible choking fire within her, she grew up... wild, unmanageable, unable to explain the trapped feeling that throttled her. But the web of circumstance kept closing in on the strange, lonely girl... now called "Wild" Rice.



So at intervals she would try to escape. At first she attempted to run off... but she was caught. Then she tried stealing, but her father's money covered her. Sometimes the "feeling" left her, and she appeared sweet... but soon the madness would return... like the tide.

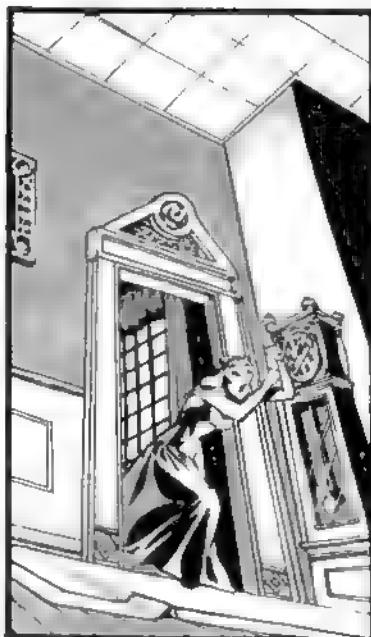


At last... by the time she was 24 years old, the inner fires seemed to subside... and though they lay like glowing coals within her, she surrendered. Her father arranged a profitable marriage and a wedding day was set



On the evening of the reception, however, the slumbering volcano burst within her, and the force of it sent her flying from the dance... propelled her from her husband's arms and upstairs to her room





YA WASTIN' Y'R TIME, LADY ...THAT MOB DOWNSTAIRS IS TOO BUSY YATTATTIN' T'HEAR YA...



SOMETIMES IT IS SOMETIMES IT AINT

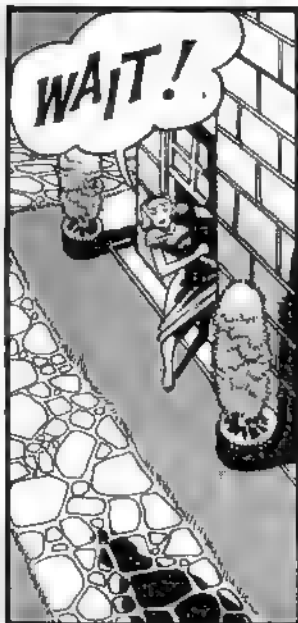


GET OUTTA MY LIGHT, WILLYA?



I I GUESS SO





WAIT!



I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK... I'M GOING WITH YOU!

YER WHAT?



NOW WAIT A MINUTE, SISTER... YOU GOT THE WRONG IDEA... YOU GO ON BACK WHERE YOU BELONG...

I HATE ALL THOSE PEOPLE IN THERE... I HATE THE KIND OF LIFE... OH, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND... **LISTEN TO ME!**



BESIDES, I KNOW YOU... YOU'RE MIKE CALIBAN... I SAW YOUR PICTURE IN THE POST OFFICE, AND IF YOU DON'T TAKE ME WITH YOU I'LL TELL THE COPS!

OK, SMART GIRL... I'LL KILL YA RIGHT NOW!



NO YOU WON'T... BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT A MURDER RAP! BESIDES, YOU'RE TOO EXPERIENCED TO DO IT HERE..



O.K.



AN' REMEMBER... AS LONG AS YER TRAVELIN' WITH ME, YER DOIN' WHAT I SAY, SEE?



OH, MIKE! MIKE DARLING!

?



NEXT DAY...

YES, MR. WILDER, I KNOW YOU DON'T WANT PUBLICITY ON THIS KIDNAPPING... THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING THE SPIRIT TO HANDLE IT...

THE SPIRIT?? YES, I'VE HEARD OF HIM... I'M WORRIED SICK ABOUT MY LITTLE GIRL... SHE'S ALL I HAVE IN THE WORLD, AND THIS MORNING I GOT THIS NOTE... DEMANDING RANSOM...

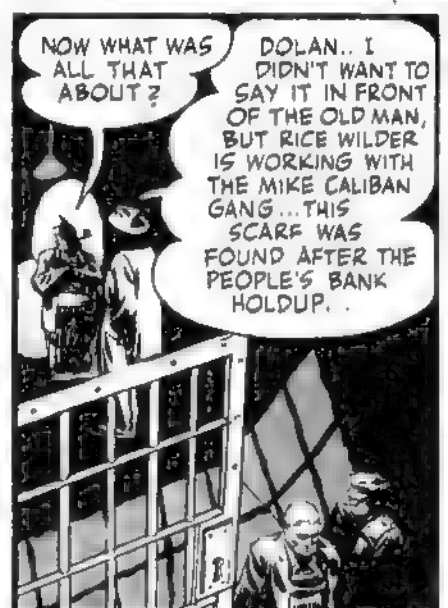
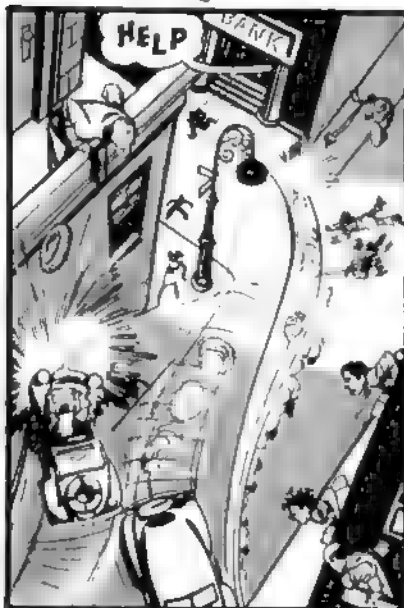
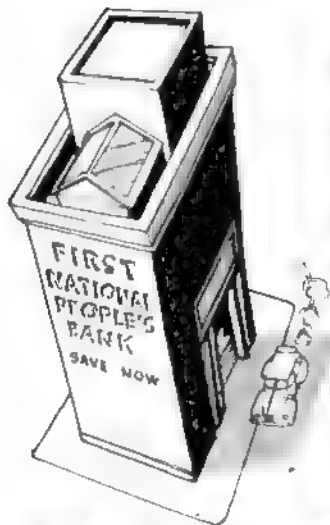
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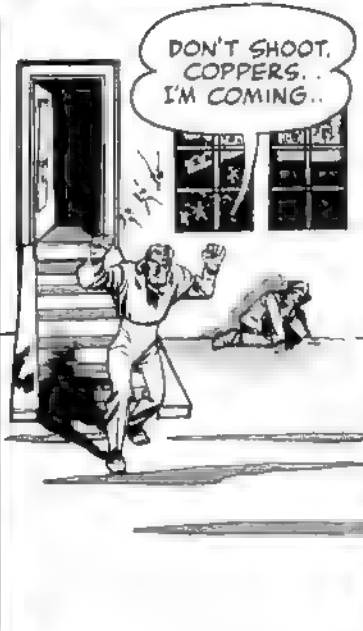
OH, I'LL GLADLY PAY THE MONEY IF ONLY THEY DON'T HARM HER...!

I HOPE IT WON'T BE NECESSARY, MR. WILDER... WHOEVER PULLED THIS "SNATCH" IS OUT OF HIS ELEMENT... WON'T BE HARD TO NAB H.M.

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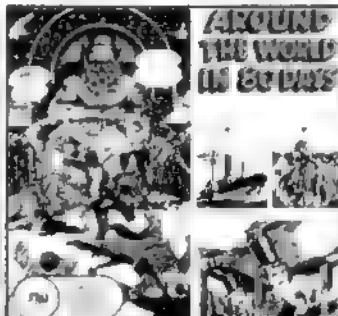
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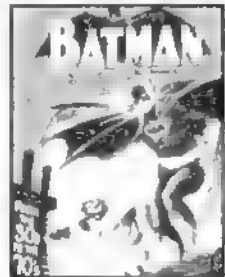
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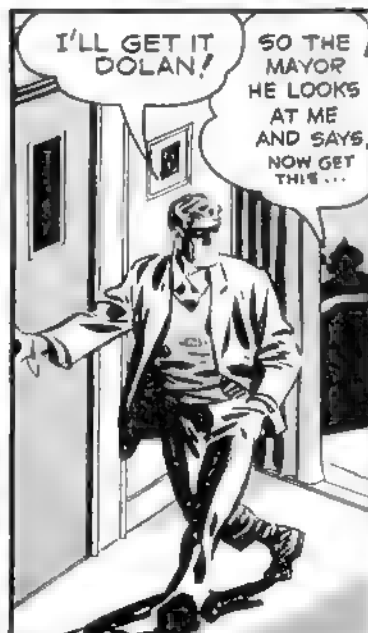
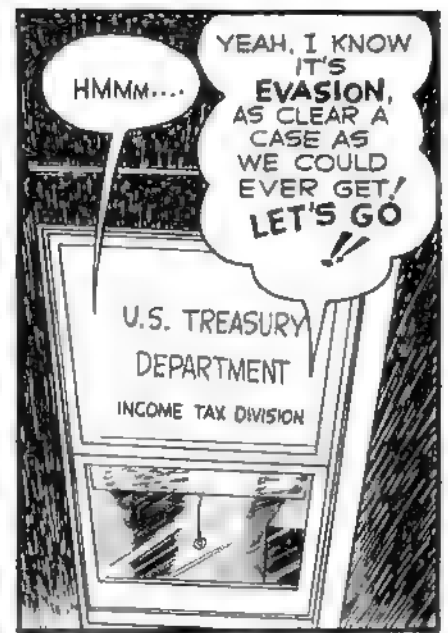


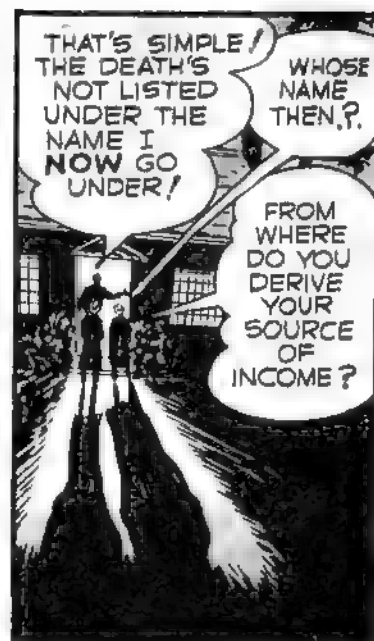
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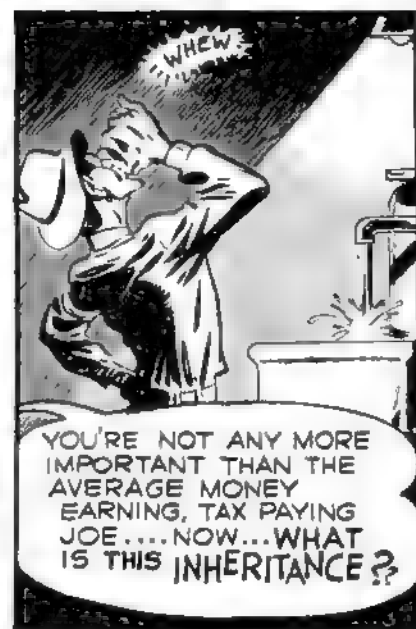
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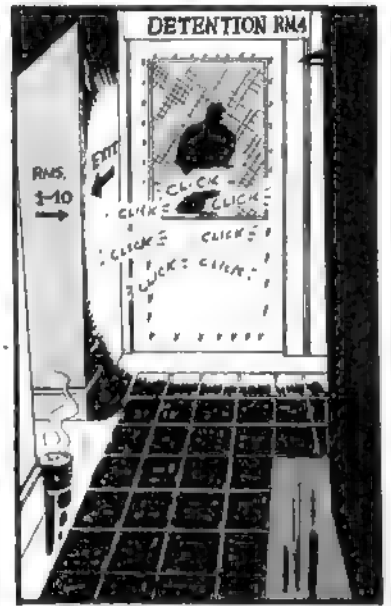
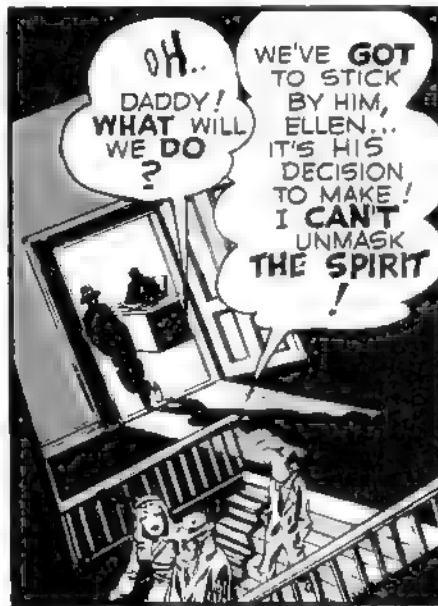
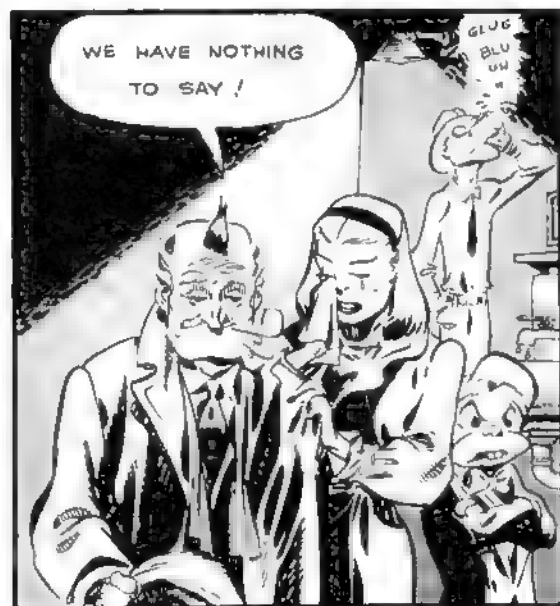
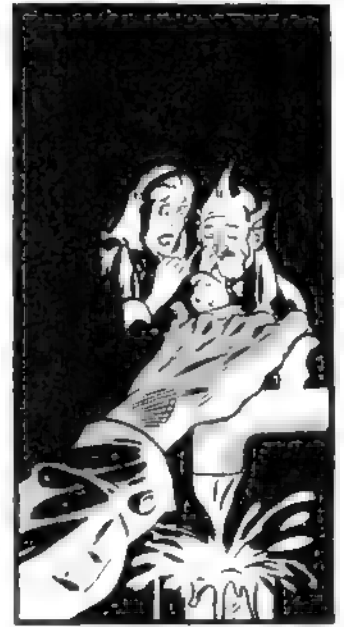
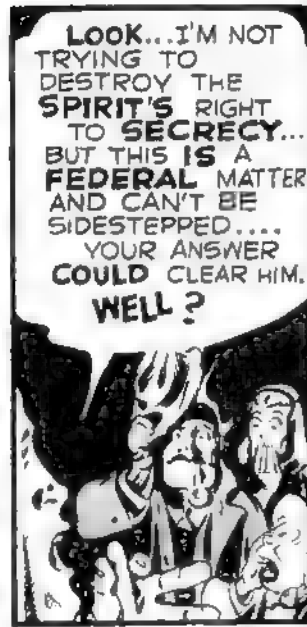
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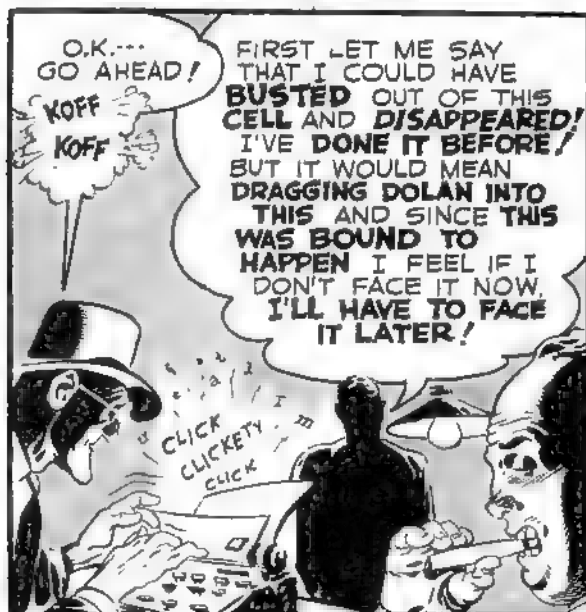
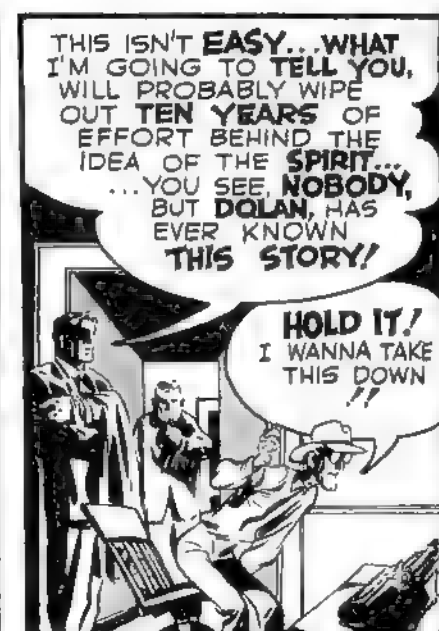
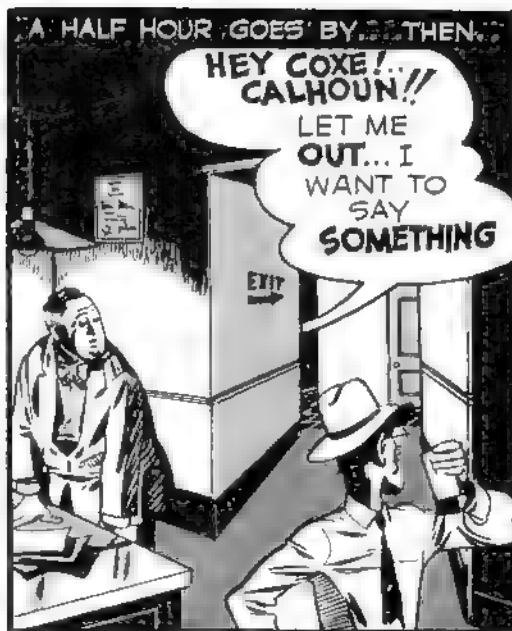


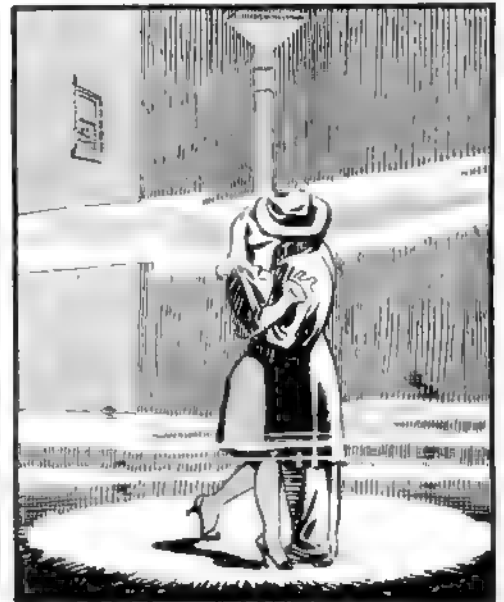
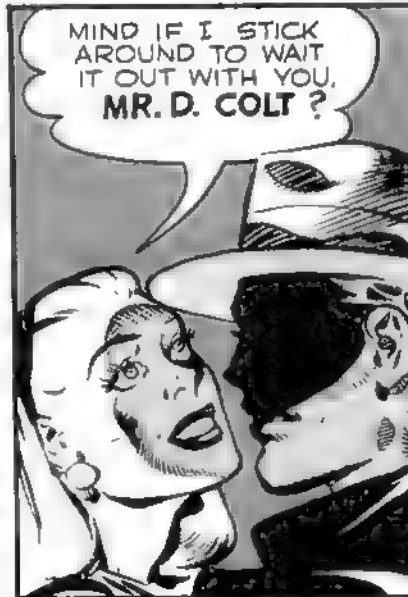
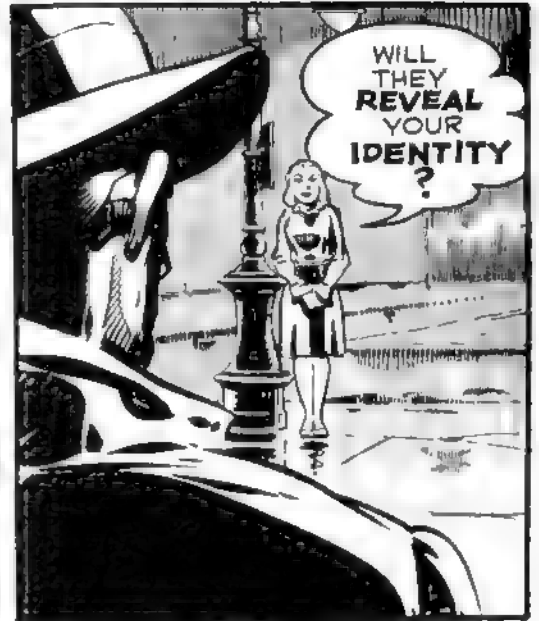












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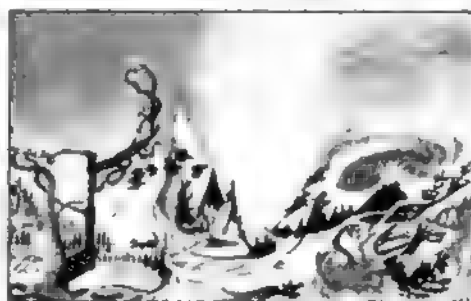


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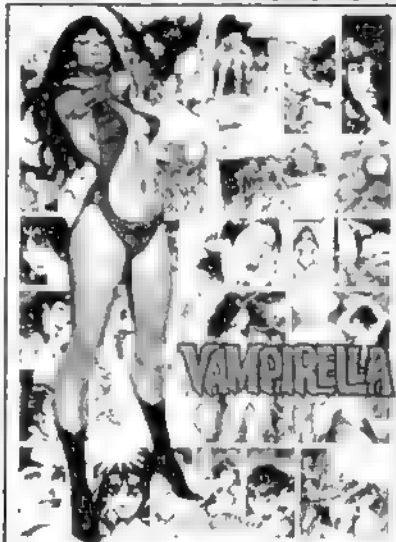
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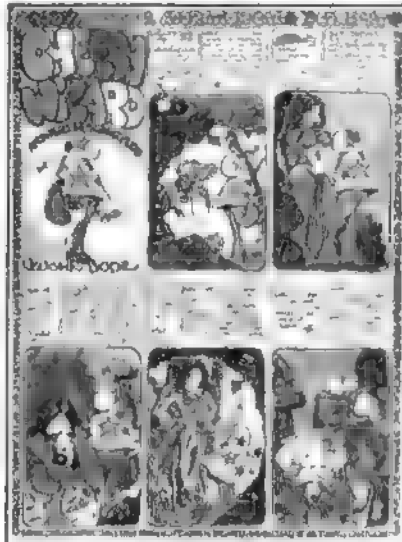
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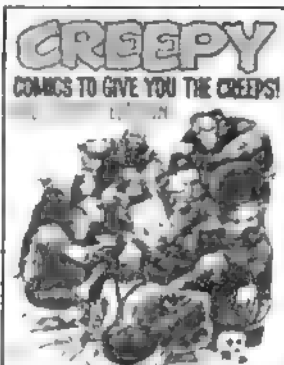
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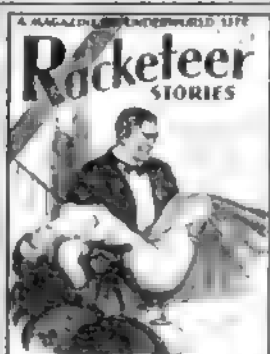
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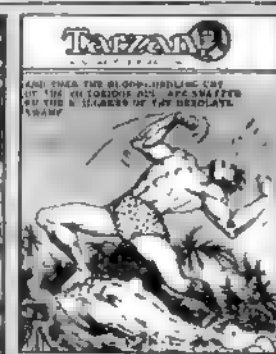
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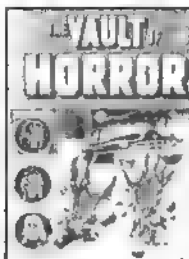
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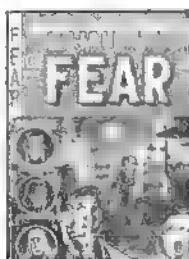
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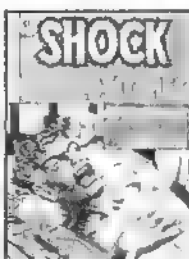
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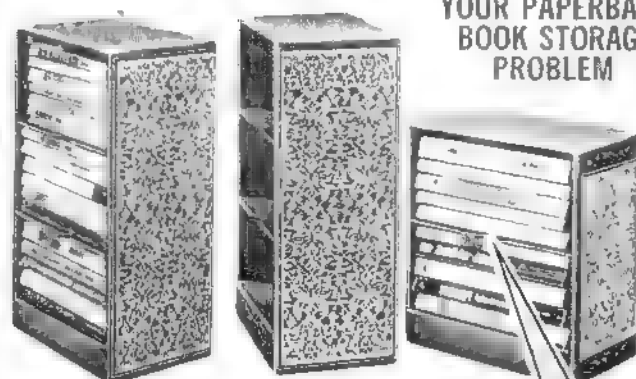
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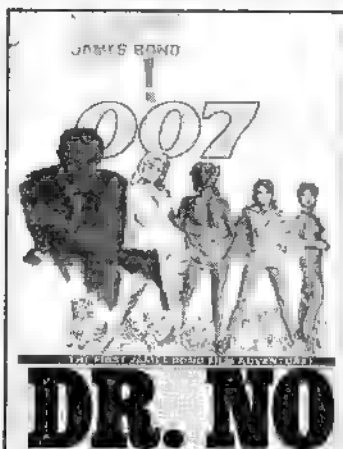
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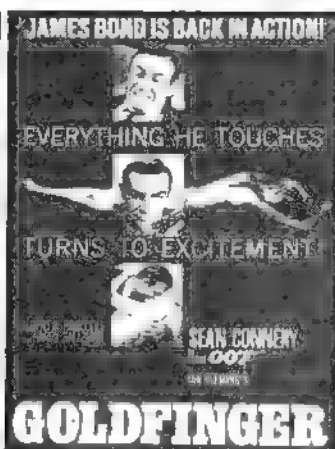
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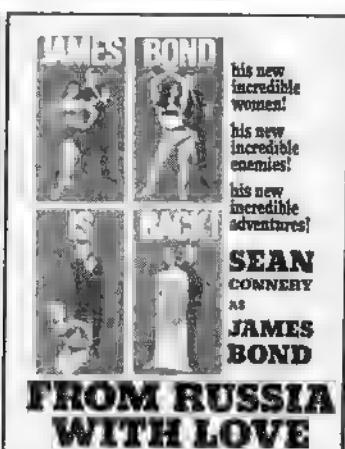
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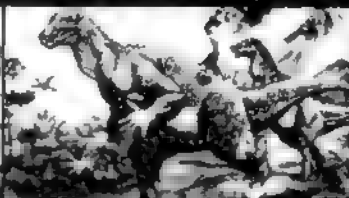
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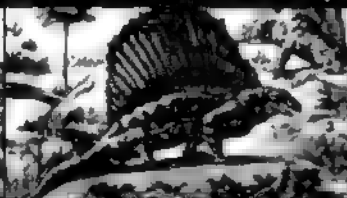
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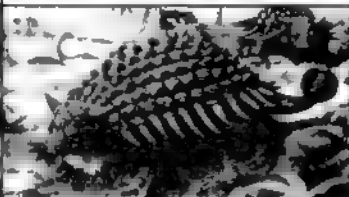
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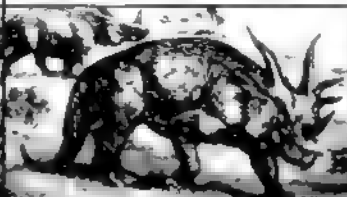
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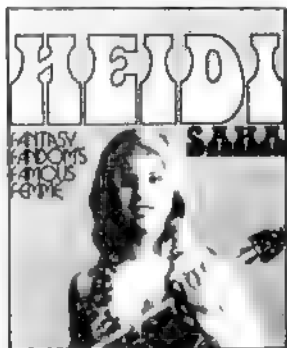
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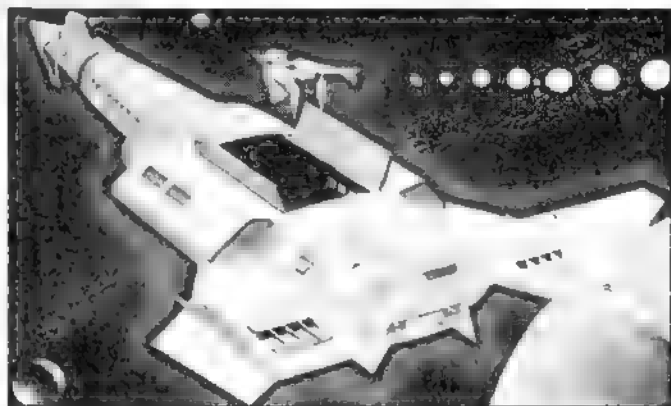
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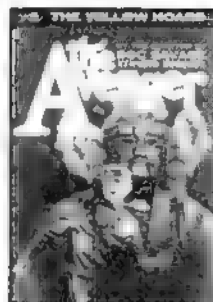
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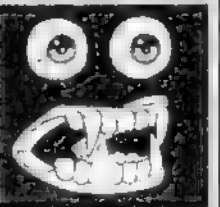
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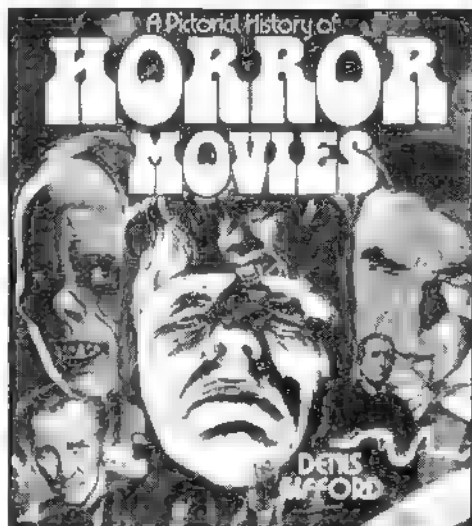


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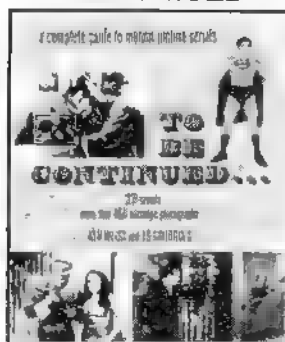
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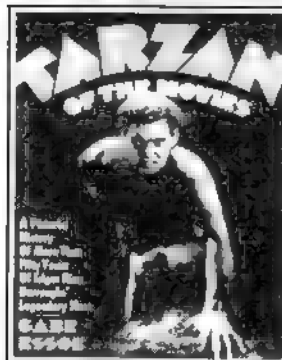
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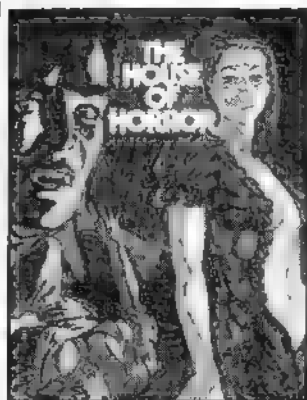
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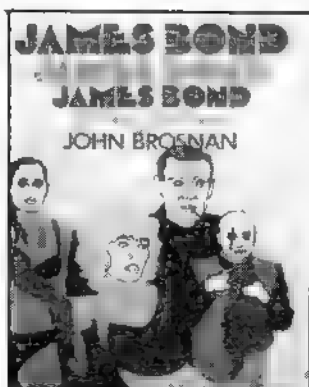
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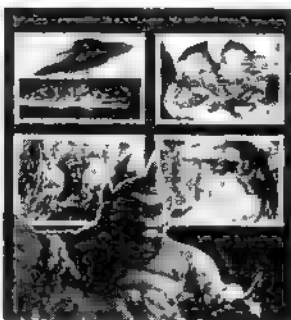


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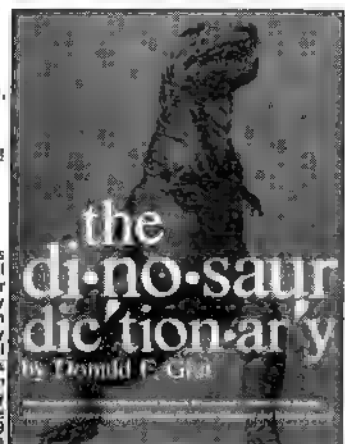
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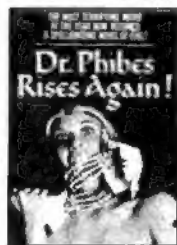
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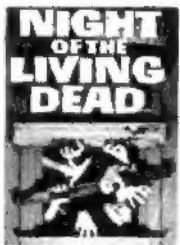
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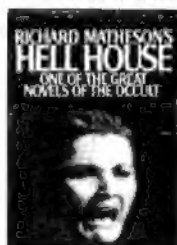
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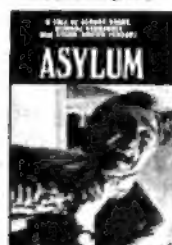
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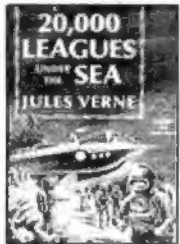
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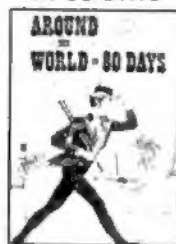
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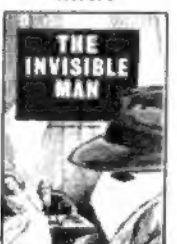
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